

God alone

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SISTER M. MERCY PULIKAL
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Dearest Sisters,

The death of Sr. M. Mercy PULIKAL on 17th May surprised us at her sudden passing away in the stillness of the night at 11.20 p.m. as her soul just slipped into the arms of the Lord quietly and serenely.

Sr. M. Mercy PULIKAL (Mary), daughter of Mr. Joseph and Mary Varghese Pulikal was born at Shettally, Kerala on 1938. She was the 6th child of 8 children in her family. Born in a good catholic family nurtured with strong faith, Sr. Mercy responded to the Lord, calling her to enter into His vineyard, to work for Him.

She entered the Novitiate at Secunderabad on	21.06.1959.
Religious Clothing on	03.01.1962
And her Final Profession on	03.01.1968

Sr. Mercy's first transfer was to Bansilalpet, a Home for the disabled. From 1962 – 1974 she rendered her service to the disabled with great love and compassion. She was loved by the ones who were unloved by the society. She found her real joy and happiness in this mission.

In 1974	She was transferred to Fathimanagar community, Warangal
1982	She was sent to Nileshtar community as a Boarding Mistress
1985 – 1993	Sr. Mercy with great missionary zeal spent her 8 long years in Italy
1993 – 1996	She worked in Lallaguda, Secunderabad
1996 – 1998	She was in Nileshtar community as Boarding Mistress
1998 – 2004	She served the community of Kannanalore as an Animator
2004 – 2008	She was transferred to Kanhangad
In 2008	She was sent to Madonna Villa, Melamiyur where she spent her last days

Sr. Mercy was a woman of prayer, had a great devotion to infant Jesus and Mother Mary. She prepared and distributed plenty of Rosaries and taught the people to pray the rosaries in honour of Mother Mary. In remembrance of the 175th Jubilee Celebration of our Congregation, she was requested to prepare the rosaries for the chaplet of Merciful love. She willingly accepted to do it and prepared the rosaries for the whole province. Today every sister of our Province carries in her hand the rosary which is prepared by her.

Sr. Mercy was lovable and loving person. She enjoyed the company of the sisters in the community. Even in the midst of physical suffering she was found cheerful and serene. Even though her physical disability did not permit her to walk, she made every effort to attend the daily Holy Eucharist which gave her strength and solace. Sr. Mercy being diabetic had many health problems and was unable to carry on any activity.

The night before she died on 17th May at 11.20 p.m., she manifested signs of breathlessness and uneasiness. Immediately the sisters in the community attended to her and with the help of the neighbouring communities Sr. Mercy was shifted to the hospital and on the way to the hospital she breathed her last.

The funeral Mass took place in the community of Madonna Villa, in the presence of the sisters from the neighbouring communities, family members of Sr. Mercy and the parishioners. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Joseph Pulikal SDB the brother of Sr. Mercy and was assisted by her nephew priest Rev. Fr. Rozy MSFS and other priests of Chengalpattu diocese.

The sisters, family members and friends and specially her dear sister, Sr. Lina Pulikal bade a tearful farewell to Sr. Mercy at Chengalpattu cemetery where she was buried next to our departed sisters.

On behalf of the sisters I offer my special heartfelt condolence to Sr. Lina and I thank the community of Madonna Villa and the neighbouring sisters for assisting Sr. Mercy during her last moments.

As this month is dedicated to Mother Mary let us ask her assistance while we offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of Sr. Mercy. Let us also seek her intercession that we may work for God's Kingdom.

Affectionately,

Sr. Marietta D'Mello
Provincial Superior