

God alone!

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St. Ann's Provincialate
Melamiyur



Dearest Sisters,

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news. (Is. 52: 7)”.

The beautiful feet of Sr. Pasqualina who spent her whole life in evangelizing and winning thousands of souls to Christ in various villages in Andhra Pradesh, rested after a rigorous mission on 30th May 2012 at 10.00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Convent Gollapudi.

Sr. Pasqualina Lourdu Mary Sambolina was born in Mattampalli, Andhra Pradesh on 10th March 1932 to her parents Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Annamma. At a very young age, Sister Pasqualina obeyed the voice of her beloved Spouse calling her and she followed Him promptly.

She entered Noviciate	: 20.06.1949
Religious Clothing	: 01.01. 1950
Holy Profession	: 01.01. 1952
Perpetual Vows	: 01.01.1958

Sr. Pasqualina worked as a zealous and dedicated teacher in various Communities. Soon after her religious clothing in 1951 she was sent to St. Theresa's Convent, Eluru to teach. 1955 she was asked to give her services in Secunderabad and in 1959 she returned to St. Theresa's convent, Eluru. She was sent to Kazipet in the year 1976 to take up missionary work. In 1979 she was sent to Nidadavole as a teacher. In 1988 she returned to St. Theresa's Convent and remained there till 1997. In 1998 she was transferred to St. Anthony's Convent, Gollapudi the present Community to take rest.

Sr. Pasqualina is a rare personality in whom we find wit and wisdom and at the same time firmness with serious disposition. She is affectionate and simple in her relationship with others.

She is one among the chosen for evangelization in villages, preaching and teaching the Word of God and preparing people for baptizing and other sacraments too. Wherever she met people she would speak to them about Jesus Christ. This fervor and zeal for her loving Spouse has won so many people to Christ. Her age and sickness never prevented her to work for the Kingdom of God. She would travel to remote villages in order to give them Christ and revive their Christian Spirit. She worked as a missionary till the end. As long as she could, she went out of her way to preach and to participate in the Community activities. She accepted each and everyone as her family members and kept herself cheerful and friendly with all. She spent much of her time teaching in school and preaching in villages. All her students remember her with gratitude for the values she instilled in them. The villagers in Eluru call her with affection “Mother Theresa of Eluru”. She is a person down to earth, practical and realistic in all her dealings. The poor and down trodden are the main focus of her love and care.

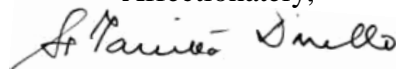
Sr. Pasqualina became weak and in her last days, her physical suffering became intense due to high temperature caused by cancer of the throat.

The funeral mass was officiated by most Rev. Bishop Prakash Mallavarapu the Bishop of Vijayawada along with several priests at St. Anthony’s Convent, Gollapudi. Sisters from all three Provinces were present for her funeral, also her family members.

I thank the Community at St. Anthony’s Convent Gollapudi for being with Sr. Pasqualina during her last journey. I thank them for the love, care and concern shown to her in her helplessness. I am grateful to all our neighbouring Communities for the timely help rendered with generosity.

We thank God for the gift of Sr. Pasqualina whose beautiful feet were led always to the road of villages bringing good news to all. May we take her as our role model while we work for God’s Kingdom.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sr. Marietta D'Mello".

Sr. Marietta D’Mello
Provincial Superior