

**God Alone!**

St. Ann's Provincialate,  
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**“In returning and rest, you shall be saved.  
In quietness and in trust shall be your strength”(Is 30:15)**



Dearest Sisters,

The above words of Isaiah, the Prophet seem to have found expression in the simple and silent life of our dearest Sr.Sabina George, as the angel of the Lord visited her on 5<sup>th</sup> June Friday and beckoned her to heaven's open door. She was found watchful and vigilant and ready to depart from this earthly home with serenity and trustful abandonment.

Sr.Sabina George, who had long been suffering from Chronic Bronchial Asthma, lived her life constantly troubled by spouts of cough and breathlessness; She often suffered Chest congestion and had been on regular medication. On 26th May 2015, Sister became seriously ill. Immediately she was rushed to the Multispecialty hospital at Vijayawada where she had been taking treatment regularly. The doctors diagnosed that she was suffering from multiple complications such as COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), Sepsis with ARF (Acute Renal Failure), and Co2 Narcosis with respiratory failure. As her health condition was fast deteriorating, she was shifted to ICU on 27<sup>th</sup> May .During my visit to her on 28<sup>th</sup> morning, she said in a feeble voice “I cannot speak, please pray for me”. I assured her that all our sisters are praying and interceding on her behalf. She said,”Thank you”. She also responded to her family members who came to visit her in the hospital. On 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the doctors informed the Sisters who had been attending to her in the Hospital that her condition is very critical and there is very little hope of recovery. Instantly she was put under Ventilator. On 4<sup>th</sup> June she became unconscious and on the advice of the doctors she was brought back to the convent in the evening. On reaching her room, she suddenly opened her eyes and looked around at all the Sisters who were standing around her bed. The Sister Nurses attended on her constantly. On Friday, 5th June, at 10:30 P.M, the Sisters who were standing around her bed praying the rosary noticed a glow on her face as her Soul left for the heavenly abode in Peace and Silence.

Sr.Sabina, (Theresiamma George) was born to Mr. George and Mary George, who were good Catholics. She was their 7<sup>th</sup> Child, born on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1941 in Vaikom, Kottayam Dt, Ernakulam Diocese, Kerala. She was happy to answer God's call at 15 and joined the Sisters of St.Ann on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1962, at Secunderabad. She was vested on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1963, and made her first Profession on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1965. Her final profession was on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1972. As she celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her religious profession on

17<sup>th</sup> January, this year at Secunderabad, she looked bright and joyful. She was extremely happy when this event was celebrated in March, in her own community at Gollapudi in which some of her family members also participated.

Sister Sabina worked in School Office at Raichur in June 1965, in Kanhangad as a teacher in 1972, in charge of stationery room at Secunderabad in 1974 and in B.Ed office at Secunderabad in 1975, in 1986 at St. Ann's Ayoor as Sister-in-Charge, in 1989 Clerk at Sacred Heart, Vijayawada, in 1997 at St. Ann's Eluru, Asst. Hostel Warden, in 2012, Sacred Heart, Vijayawada in charge of Canteen. June 2013 to date at St. Anthony's Gollapudi. Wherever Sister was, she was a witnessing person loved and respected by one and all.

Gentle, loving, simple and caring, Sr. Sabina is fondly remembered by every one for the wonderful hospitality which she extended to those who came on her way. She possessed a golden heart that hurt no one but had a kind and encouraging word for those who approached her.

The funeral Holy Mass was celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> June (Sunday) at 4-30 P.M in the Convent Chapel at Asha Hospital, Gollapudi. It was concelebrated by Rev. Msgr. Chinnappa, the Vicar General of Vijayawada Diocese and five other priests. Many Sisters from the Communities of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Kerala participated in the Holy Mass. The Coffin was carried to the Cemetery by her own beloved nephews. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in the newly constructed Cemetery at Gollapudi.

I wish to convey my special thanks to the many Sisters of the Central Province, who undertook the tedious journey to pay their final respects to our dear Sr. Sabina.

I acknowledge with gratitude, the selfless service rendered by dear Sr. Francis Marie, the animator of the community, Sr. Mini and the Sister Nurses of Asha Hospital, who spared no efforts to provide the needed assistance to our dear Sr. Sabina during her final days in the hospital and at home. My sincere thanks to all the elderly Sisters of Gollapudi Community who offered prayers for Sr. Sabina George, unceasingly.

To Sr. Joyce James and her community members of St. Ann's Gollapudi, I wish to express my special thanks because your timely assistance and moral support to Sr. Francis Marie and her community meant so much to console and comfort them in those agonizing moments. Thanks also to the Sisters of neighbouring communities- Sacred Heart and St. Anthony's Convents, Vijayawada. I am obliged to all our Sisters of South Province, for their prayerful support on receiving the sad news.

Dearest Sisters, let the loving memory of our dearest Sr. Sabina George urge us to pray for the repose of her Soul and encourage us to excel in doing little acts of kindness that would win for us lasting reward.

With love and prayers

Prayerfully,



Sr. Theresa Cherian  
Provincial Superior