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*For we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (1 Thes.4:14)*

Dearest Sisters,

On April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1.00 am at the early dawn of Easter day our dearest Sister Stanislaus who had been waiting for the call of God, entered peacefully into the abode of eternity, beholding the Risen Lord face to face. She said her final 'YES' to her beloved and now enjoys the heavenly bliss with the Risen Lord.

Sr. Stanislaus Chako was born on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1933 at Pulinkunnu in Kerala. She was the third child of the eight children who was named Annie at Baptism. Her parents Mr.Lucka and Mrs.Annama Chako brought her up with affection and in an atmosphere of good catholic faith and fear of God which encouraged her to go forward with her decision to commit her life to the Lord. Very soon her younger Sr. Leyons followed her example and joined the adoration monastery.

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 1954, young Annie made her entry into Postulancy in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Ann. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 1955 she received the religious habit assuming the name Sr.Stanislaus. Sr. Stanny as she is fondly called began her healing ministry in 1957, at K.E.M. hospital, Secundrabad. She lived her call with dedication and devotion, putting herself at the service of the sick and suffering, with total availability, bringing sunshine to their lives. Her healing ministry continued at Fatimanagar, Duldula, Mithapur, Jawalgira, Gharghoda, Mohanlalganj, Mehemdabad and finally in 2006 in Talegaon.

She was well noted for her affectionate, compassionate, gentle and hardworking nature because of which she was endeared by one and all. She had always a comforting word to those who were sad, a loving radiating smile to those who passed by her and a kind advice to those who came to her. She is known for her sensitive heart and cordial spirit. Everyone approached her, found in her a loving friend, understanding and hospitable. The storage capacity of her brain was commendable. She could record large amount of data concerning the historical events of the Congregation and the world and replay when needed.

Sr. Stanny loved the poor and held them very close to her heart. She found ways and means to help them in difficulties and speak to them tenderly and encouraging them to put their trust in Abba Father who is our benevolent God.

Sr. Stanny was much loved by her dear ones and they often made it a point to visit her in time of her illness. Her cousin Rt. Rev. Thomas Elavenal who is the Bishop of Kalyan constantly supported her through his visits. Recently in January her sister, brother, nieces had a joy of spending few days with her when they came to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. They also prepared her spiritually to accept the plan of God.

Sr. Stanny was completely in bed for more than two years. She was a chronic case of depression for many years and was being treated for the same. She was brought to Talegaon in the year 2006 and continued the psychiatric treatment. In 2012 she fractured the head of the femur and was operated successfully. She was known case of diabetic mellitus and hyper tension. Her illness had become her daily cross and she bore it without a murmur. The rosary beads were her constant pre-occupation and she lived in constant communication with the Lord. During the last ten days being unable to take any food she was sustained only by IV fluids. She developed severe respiratory tract infection which could not be combated by antibiotics. She went into renal failure and her health was deteriorating. The vital signs showed her end was very close. She breathed her last on 16/4/2017 at 1.00 a.m.

Her mortal remains were laid to rest on 17/4/2017. The funeral service commenced at 4.00 p.m and was attended by the Sisters of the three Communities at Talegaon, parishoners, Sister from Gujarat and Mumbai. Her dear ones came from Kerala to bid her farewell. The holy mass was presided over by Fr. Prasanna the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the concelebrants Rt. Rev. Thomas Elavenal Bishop of Kalyan, Fr. Joseph the Parish Priest of Syro Malabar Church, Talegaon and Fr. Kevin the Assistant Parish Priest. Fr. Prasanna in his homily at the funeral service expressed "As we grow in age our youthful day friends forget us. Two friends come closer to us that are suffering and death. Still later these two friends too leave us and we become sharers in the victory of Jesus. Sr. Stanny was a person who did not expect anything from others and did not trouble others. She believed in Resurrection and lived for resurrection. Every morning she waited eagerly for the Holy Communion."

I convey my sincere thanks to the Sister Nurses - Sr. Magline Golmes, Sr. Mary Cyriac, Sr. Kathreena Joseph, Sr. Anima Tirkey for their meticulous medical care and timely assistance rendered to Sr. Stanny during her illness. I am thankful to the Sisters of Talegaon Convent Apostolate Community, for their prayerful support and care towards Sr. Stanny. I appreciate the assistance and solidarity of all the Sisters of Mount St. Ann and Karunanjali Communities during this hour of need. I also express my gratitude to Sr. Leyons, Rt. Rev. Thomas Elavenal Bishop of Kalyan and all her family members who came from Kerala to pay their homage to our dear Sr. Stanny.

Let us continue to pray for Sr. Stanislaus who will surely not fail to intercede for the needs of our Congregation and the entire world. May the Lord welcome her into His abode of peace and reward her abundantly for her fidelity and perseverance.

Yours affectionately,



Sr. Rosily Paul  
(Provincial Superior)