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“My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life. When can I enter and see the face of God.” (Ps. 42:2)

Dearest Sisters,

A soul that nurtured a perennial thirst for God and an intense longing for the day to behold Him face to face, Sr. Jacintha Putti, had her heart's desire fulfilled when the Lord of her life called her home to himself on the beautiful feast of our Lady of Fatima the 13th of May 2021 at 12.40 in the afternoon. It is no mere chance but a unique grace that our dear Sr. Jacintha Putti who bore the name of one of the three visionaries of our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, was carried home to the bosom of the Father by Mother Mary for whom she had a passionate love.

Sr. M Jacintha (Severine Putti) saw the light of day on the 30th of December 1930 in the remote village of Thurakapalem in Guntur District. The youngest of three children, she had an elder brother Chinnyaya and a sister Annamma. Her devout, God-fearing parents Dasayya and Thomasamma had their baby daughter baptised on the 7th day of her birth giving her the name Maria Showramma Severine. She not only enjoyed the tender affection of her parents and siblings but was also the adorable darling of her grandparents Kondayya and Annamma whose house was just behind hers and where she would often find herself in this second home.

In 1935, at the age of five Maria was admitted to class one in the close-by local St. Anthony's School. Having completed her Primary education she was sent to St. Ann's High School, Phirangipuram in Guntur where in 1951, she qualified as a Trained teacher after finishing her High School studies. Soon she got a job as a Teacher at St. Ann's School, Nawabpet, run by the Catechist Sisters of St. Ann, where she taught for two years till 1953

Maria Showramma received a solid foundation in Spirituality from her parents and relatives especially from her father who was a dedicated and committed Catechist, who taught his children the basics of Christian faith. He would spend long hours, joyfully teaching his children hymns in Latin and Telugu, telling them Bible stories and narrating to them the lives of Saints. It's no wonder then, that Maria had a well-grounded knowledge of all the novenas and devotions to the saints and especially to Mother Mary and St. Anthony.

Having studied in schools under different Congregations and observing the life of sacrifice and service of the Sisters and backed by her spiritual formation at home, she felt a strong desire to embrace Religious Life. Her parents made no objection when she expressed her desire to dedicate her life to God. Strange are God's ways. While Maria was on her way to inform the Catechist Sisters at

Nandanam, that she would be joining them, she was met by our Srs. Lourdu Mary Narisetty and Valentina Pudota who took her to meet Sr. Massima at St. Anthony's Convent, Vijayawada.

Thus it was, that she entered our Congregation at Secunderabad in July, 1953, made her Vestition on 1st January 1954, her First Profession on January 1st 1956 and Final Profession on 3rd January 1962. During these six years between the First and Final Profession she taught Telugu to the middle sections of St. Ann's School Secunderabad and qualified herself privately to be a Telugu Pandit. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1981, her Golden Jubilee in 2006 and her Diamond Jubilee in 2016.

After her First Profession, she continued her teaching assignment in just three Communities as below:

June 1962 - May 1974 St. Ann's High School, Secunderabad- Teacher
June 1974 - May 1989 St. Ann's High School, Nidadavolu – Teacher where she retired.
June 1989- May 1991 St. Ann's Convent, Eluru, Hostel Warden Degree Campus
June 1991- May 2000 St. Ann's Convent, Eluru Hostel Warden, Inter Campus
June 2000 –May 2016 Clemenza Villa, Eluru Warden Inter Campus
June 2016 to date Clemenza Villa Eluru taking rest.

Sr. Jacintha Putti was truly a saintly soul, pious and upright, a person of few words who could command respect and reverence by her silence. A committed teacher, she did her best for the all round formation, of her students and the hostelites. A strict disciplinarian she insisted in imparting to the young, true spiritual and human values so essential for right living. She was sincere, cordial and courteous in her relationships. Her agricultural family background inculcated in her a great love for nature and a hobby for gardening. A person of prayer she spent long hours before the Eucharistic Lord interceding for the needs of the Church, the Congregation and for all those who asked for her prayers. Her tender filial devotion to Mary never let her take the Rosary off her hands when she was free. Her second love was St. Anthony to whom she paid homage with flowers every day.

Here is what Fr. Joseph Parayil SSP, once a Parish Priest in Eluru has to say about our dear Sister *"How lovely my dear Sr. Jacintha is in Heaven!!! God chose to call her, on the day of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. She really loved the Rosary. She loved Mary much and lived by her side. No wonder she is transported to heaven on this special day. She lived with malice towards none and charity towards all. I really wanted to see her once more for she loved me so much and kept me in prayer. A great soul she is. I will miss her. I am sure she would continue to pray for me. May God be merciful to me and let me meet her where she is now."*

Sr. Jacintha, was truly fortunate to enjoy good health all through her long life with no major health drawbacks. In September 2020 she had a fall and fractured her right hand and had to be operated upon. Sadly, it happened to be the same arm that was operated upon a couple of years earlier for the same reason. As a consequence of this fall her movements were slowed down. It was only in the early months of this year 2021, that her health began to weaken as she was losing appetite etc. On April 7th she was brought to St. Anthony's, Gollapudi, for a general check-up and not having found any serious complications she returned to the Community on 19th April. However, she gradually grew weaker due to

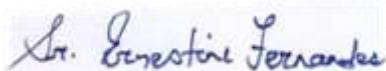
lack of proper solid or liquid intakes which her advancing age did not permit to digest. She asked for the Sacrament of Healing and was administered the same on 6th May. She was put on drips on the 10th and 11th. On the 13th morning since her health took a turn for the worse she was brought by ambulance to Gollapudi once again. On landing she was barely put on the bed when she began gasping. In the presence of the alert nurses who were attending on her and the members of her Community of Clemenza Villa who had brought her and were praying by her bedside, she gently breathed her last at 12.40 pm.

The main celebrant for the funeral Mass the next day 14th May, at St. Anthony's Convent, Chapel, Gollapudi, was the Parish Priest of Eluru, Revd. Fr. Mariadas SSP who had anointed her. He was assisted by Revd. Fr. Rayanna who knew her in his childhood. Also present at the Funeral Mass were our Sisters from the neighbouring Communities. After the Mass and the funeral rituals her mortal remains were laid to rest beside our Sisters, in our Cemetery at Gollapudi.

Dearest Sisters, I take this opportunity to express my sincere condolences and thanks to Sr. Rakkini and her Community, for their untiring care and great concern shown to dearest Sr. Jacintha, day and night. I also convey my profound thanks to Sr. Rosy and the nurses who took care of her during her short stay with them. My gratitude goes to Sr. Margaret and the Sisters of the Provincialate Community for all the minute arrangements made for the funeral. To the bereaved members of her family we convey our deepest sympathy.

"Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a mother to me" was the oft-repeated prayer on the lips of dear Sr. Jacintha. In October 2020, when I visited her in hospital after the operation along with Sr. Margaret, she made us repeat this prayer after we prayed over her. While we offer our suffrages, for dear Sr. Jacintha, let us ask her to intercede with Mother Mary, for the speedy recovery of our dearest Sisters who are affected by Covid, for all those bereaved families who have lost their loved ones recently and above all to halt the spread of this pandemic.

Yours affectionately,



Sr. Ernestine Fernandes
Provincial Superior.