

## IN MEMORY OF SR. MARY LUCY NJERI NGUNJU, CPS who returned home to God on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Mater Misericordiae Hospital

Sr. Mary Lucy Njeri, the second born of four siblings, was born on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1966 in Nyeri, Kenya to Mr. Daniel Ngunju and Mrs. Anastasia Mumbi.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1990, Sister Mary Lucy entered the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in Riruta, Kenya. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1994 she made her First Profession at Riruta, Kenya. She pronounced her Final Vows on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at Riruta.

Since her First Profession, Sr. Mary Lucy ministered in various mission stations in Kenya – Kagwe and Riruta and in Tanzania – Turiani- Morogoro, Welezo and Machui in Zanzibar.

Sr. Mary Lucy was a people's person. In her various apostolates she interacted with people of all status. She was good to the children, the youth and the elderly. Her guidance and counselling skills enabled her to reach out to all. Her love for the underprivileged in the society made her move and work in places where the socially unaccepted were the majority. She helped in the rehabilitation of children at Amani Primary School, Riruta, and at the Rescue Dada Centre, Ngara in Nairobi and visited the Prisons for counselling services.

Sr. Mary Lucy worked with the Lay Associates of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood and helped in their formation. She was passionate about vocation promotion and went out to proclaim the goodness of being a Religious woman. In St. John the Baptist Parish, Riruta, she interacted with various groups and prayed together with them.

In January 2017, after her BA in Counselling Psychology, she willingly accepted a new challenge of becoming a pioneer in our new mission in the Philippines. Little did we know that an even greater challenge was soon to come.

Seven months after her arrival, Sr. Mary Lucy began to have difficulty in swallowing. It was soon discovered that there was a growth in her esophagus. Sister Mary Lucy was flown to Nairobi for treatment.

During the time that followed, Sr. Mary Lucy bore her sufferings heroically, with deep faith and trust, as she surrendered all into God's hands.

Two weeks before her demise, sister's condition steadily worsened and she was once again admitted in Mater Hospital. The doctors and staff of the hospital did all they could, but Sr. Mary Lucy returned to the Father on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:20 am.

Sister Mary Lucy, you have fought the fight; you have finished the race, may you now find comfort, joy and peace in the arms of your Lord whom you served so faithfully.

'BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD;

MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD' (Lk. 1:38)