

**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
SR. M. HILDBURG RÜCKER CPS**

20.08.1931 – 23.01.2021



Sr. Hildburg Rücker was born on the 20th August 1931 at Dreibern in German, in the diocese of Königgrätz, She was born to the late Mr. Alfred Rücker and Mrs. Hilda Baumgarten. Her Christian name was Helena. She entered our Congregation on 03.09.1950 at Neuenbeken in Germany and she was received into Novitiate on 14.08.1954 at Neuenbeken. On 15.08.1955, she made her first Profession at Neuenbeken in Germany and on 06.01.1959; she made her perpetual commitment to God, at Convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Sr. Hildburg unswervingly served God through His people for 65 years, she worked as a Teacher and she taught at different levels; Nursery School, Primary School and at Secondary School as well as training of Nursery School Teachers. She also served as a cook and did other household chores at the service of her fellow Sisters. She was ready to listen and respond to God's call through her Superiors and that enabled her to render her service to God's people. Sr. Hildburg served at different Mission Stations, and these include Regina Mundi Mission, Sacred Heart Home, Empandeni Mission, Monte Cassino Mission, Convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Minda Mission, St. Pius Parish and St. Andrews Nursery which became synonymous with her. Sr. Hildburg also did sewing and mending of the Sisters' clothing, a very practical woman. Sister was a very tidy person to the point of being a perfectionist, "ORDER" was her motto.

When she became weaker due age and health, she retired and was transferred to Convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel where she dedicated her life to sewing smaller items for the sisters as well as the Prayer Ministry. For the past 4 years, Sr. Hildburg Rücker struggled with her health courageously and received her final call from God on 23rd January 2021 at Convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bulawayo.

Among us her sisters, she was known as a woman of few words, an advisor, a straightforward person who loved serving her sisters. She was a practical woman who knew how to use her hands for service to others. During our feast days and birthdays she always blessed us using the Irish blessing, if you cared to listen you would notice that she added her own words to it.

*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face, May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back. May you know nothing but happiness from this day
forward May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
May God be with you and bless you. (Adapted from the Irish Blessing)*

Today we your sisters bless you as follows

*May the Angels rise to meet you, May the Holy Spirit be always at your back
May the Glory of God be warm upon your face, May the CPS Community in heaven rise up to
meet you. May the Holy Spirit be always at your back. May you know nothing but happiness
from this day forward in his Kingdom. May God hold you in the palm of his hand. May God be
with your soul and bless you till we meet again. (Adapted from the Irish Blessing)*

It is the brave and prepared, who respond to God's final Call promptly at any time and at any place. (By Unknown Author)

REST IN PEACE OUR DEARLY LOVED SISTER