

Obituary of
Sr. M. Roselien van de Laar CPS
*** 2 August 1926**
✠ 4 April 2020



Christina Johanna, Sr Roselien, was born on August 2, 1926 and grew up in a large family in the village of de Mortel near the Missionary Convent Heilig Blut. The lively and musical young girl literally led the way with her accordion during the dance evenings in de Mortel. It was also the music that brought her into contact with the sisters of the convent of the Missieklooster in Aarle's Broek. Besides dancing and music, she also helped diligently in her parents' grocery store and knew everyone in the village.

On August 8, 1947, shortly after her 21 birthday, she joined the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in Tienray, received the name Roselien on November 20, 1948, and made her First Profession there on November 21, 1949. After her First Profession she was first assigned to the housekeeping service in Horst and returned to Tienray in October 1952. After her Final Profession on November 21, 1952, she worked for fifteen years in Tienray at the reception and was also the organist of the convent. In 1967-1968 she completed her training as family caregiver with an internship in Nijmegen; she was allowed to complete her training at MBO and HBO Maatschappelijk Werk in Vorden, Gelderland. After completing this training, she worked for twelve years as a social worker in Vorden, Gelderland, and went to Tienray every weekend to play the organ.

In June 1984 she was transferred to Aarle-Rixtel, to the Witte Poort retirement home, where she worked as sacristan and visited many people. Also in these years she played the organ in Tienray every weekend.

In February 1986 she returned to Tienray, where she worked again at the reception and of course continued to play the organ. However, this stay in Tienray did not last long, because in the Diocese of 's-Hertogenbosch the training of permanent deacons and priests was started and the first lessons took place in the Heilig Blut Convent. Sister Roselien was involved in practical matters from the beginning: preparation for the Eucharistic Celebrations, selection of songs, organ playing, copying of teaching material... You could turn to her with everything.

In October 1987 the Sint Janscentrum seminary was established in 's-Hertogenbosch. Sister Roselien moved there with three other sisters and took over the role of receptionist and hostess. She did this with love and devotion. She knew everyone, enjoyed talking to everyone and the students also enjoyed talking to her. She also continued to be involved in the formation of the deacons. She also often played the organ in the seminary.

In 2003 her strength began to fade and she came to the Convent Hl. Blut in Aarle-Rixtel. Here too, she did everything to make the liturgy of the community as good and beautiful as possible.

Finally, her fingers could no longer move the keys of the organ. With pain in her heart, she had to give up playing the organ.

However, even after moving to the nursing department, she continued to join the community as long as possible. As a true community person, friendly, with a great sense of humour and

very devoted, she continued to participate in community life. She also remained deeply connected with her sister Annie.

Despite her already weak health condition, she struggled with the Covid-19 corona virus for several days. However, on the evening of April 4, her Creator called her to the house of the Eternal Father.

Sister Roselien, rest in peace.