

OBITUARY

of our

Sr. Vianney Maria Maderegger

***23.04.1945 +23.05.2020**



Sister Vianney Maria was born on 23 April 1945 in Teichstätt, Parish Friedburg in Upper Austria and died on 23 May 2020 in Wernberg.

Sister Vianney, your great love has always been, one might say, children and flowers. You grew up well protected in a large, catholic farming family with five brothers and sisters. Your home parish priest even called your family "firm and tight Catholic". This imprint continued to show itself in your commitment to the Catholic youth and finally led you to listen to God's call to follow Jesus. You were very eager to learn, first you educated yourself further in agriculture, then your social vein and love for children led you to the Seekirchen Children's Village. You were officially a "Kinderdorf tante", (aunt of the childrens village) but for everyone much more: You represented mothers fully and managed the household perfectly. You worked there for five years and a few days after you stopped the work you joined Wernberg as a candidate. All who know you from this time remember you vividly with your beautiful blond plait. For further religious formation, the novitiate, you came to our Motherhouse Holy Blood in the Netherlands. After your profession in 1973, you trained as a general nurse at the Nursing School of the University Hospital of Innsbruck and then as a "Certified Pediatric and Infant Nurse". You completed both training courses in 1979. Our fellow sisters in Germany, who ran a hospital in Paderborn, welcomed you with joy immediately afterwards. You were there for 11 years, also in a leading position. Your sense of responsibility for the needs and interests of the little patients and their parents, the quality of your care, your organizational talent and your reliability are especially emphasized in your certificate. To the regret of your superiors you ended this service and returned to Wernberg. For 10 years you managed the infirmary here, then a stroke did not let you carry this responsibility any longer. You volunteered with Sr. Gerda for the newly opened mission in Gurk. After 5 years you went with Sr. Margret Hemma to the newly opened mission in the parish of Hermagor. Until the outbreak of your cancer in November 2019 you were there, taking care of the household, the church laundry and especially the garden. You always had fresh vegetables and beautiful flowers for the church. At the beginning of December, I brought you to Wernberg. You were very realistic about your illness. You cleaned up a lot in Hermagor and left your garden in order. You said,

"I've had such a good life up to now, and I'm grateful." And in a letter to a friend you wrote, "But I feel calm and sustained by faith."

At first you responded well to the chemotherapy, you even thought about returning to the parish and taking care of Sr. Margret Hemma and yourself. Then through a fall you broke your lumbar vertebrae and were in great pain. From that time on your condition worsened and you needed help. Our nurses took care of you with competence and love. You were always very patient and grateful. Your family, with whom you were always very close, came to visit you - everything was complicated by the Corona virus. We could not give you much help or support in your last days of life, we could only make them a little easier. We hope and wish that you are now with God forever and that many children and flowers are awaiting you.

Sr. Pallotti and Sisters