



**Obituary
of our
Sr. Maria Ancilla Hoch
* 18. Mai 1934
† 31. Mai 2020**

Sister Maria Ancilla, Adeline Victoria Hoch, was born in Eussenhausen / Mellaichstadt, Diocese of Würzburg on May 18, 1934 with her twin sister, as the sixth and seventh child. Her parents were Benno and Monika Hoch. Together with her siblings, she grew up on her parents' farm. Already as a child, she played the flute and liked to read books.

After finishing elementary school, which she graduated with good grades, she entered the English-speaking mission school of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in Neuenbeken on 10 October 1949 at the early age of 15. In 1953 she received the "Senior Oxford School Certificate". During this time she also took a first aid exam. While in school, together with other students she performed a play for the sisters during Advent. The Mother of God was portrayed in the play as the handmaid of the Lord. Sr. Ancilla was so enthusiastic about this that she wanted to have the name Maria-Ancilla, which she got. Being "Handmaid of the Lord" had done it to her.

On August 14, 1954 she was received into the novitiate in Neuenbeken; on August 15, 1955 she made her First Profession there and three years later her Final Profession. Since Sr. Maria Ancilla was very musical, she learned to play the piano and harmonium during her religious formation.

It was certainly not easy for Sr. Maria Ancilla that she now had to teach at the Mission School, where she herself was a student until recently. She was simple and kind and therefore the new students of the first class could be entrusted to her. She always smiled, even when she was told something unpleasant. She did not take it badly. Music was her talent, practical work was not so much her thing.

When Sr. Editha was the music teacher, Sr. Ancilla was her right hand, played harmonium and later organ. She was also very supportive of Sr. Virginata, continuing to accompany the choir with the organ and representing Sr. Virginata in conducting during choir rehearsals.

When the mission school was closed, she helped out for a while in the garden in Neuenbeken. In addition, she also worked in various stations: in the children's health resort

Bad Kissingen, in Menden, in the Josefs-Hospital Paderborn, in the Theresianum Mönchengladbach doing night duty for the old people and finally in the Motherhouse Hl. Blood. Sr. Maria-Ancilla was a very quiet and reflective, joyful and kind person. She shared her love with others and she was always helpful. She was always a good contact person for all who met her.

Since 2010 Sr. Maria Ancilla herself was a patient in the infirmary in Hl. Blood and since 2012 she was almost completely bedridden. She reacted very little, but when people sang for her or called her by her maiden name, she opened her eyes briefly and sometimes a little smile was received.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020, she gave her life back to the Lord, whom she had served with joy all her life.

May the Lord now welcome Sr. Maria-Ancilla into his eternal joy.