



**Obituary of our  
Sr. M. Ignata Wolff  
✠ am 21.04.2022  
in the Missionshaus Neuenbeken**

Sister Ignata - Hedwig Wolff - was born on March 14, 1932 in Dörnrikau/Silesia - Diocese of Prague - and baptized on March 28. She was the oldest of nine siblings and attended the one-class elementary school in Dörnrikau, which she could not complete because of World War II. After she had to leave her homeland in 1946, the family came to Frenkhausen in the Sauerland in Germany. Sr. Ignata attended the sewing school in Olpe, was employed for two years as a packer in a paper factory and for another two years as a house maid in a doctor's household. From spring 1953 on, she helped in the agricultural business of her parents, who were dependent on her help in view of her eight younger siblings. In the winter of 1958/59, she attended the agricultural school in *Arnsberg*.

In 1960, the pastor of the parish of Oelinghausen testified about her active church life, especially praising the many efforts she made for the St. Hedwig's Circle of displaced persons. He called her "one of our most reliable helpers in the Catholic rural youth group".

In 1960, at the age of 28, Sr. Ignata asked to be accepted into our Congregation - with the desire to "make herself available to the mission." She reports that once as a child she saw a sister in a Steyl mission magazine in a circle of African children. At the age of 20 she learned from her aunt that she had a sister-in-law with the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood, Sr. Synesia Rogel, who was missioned to Ixopo and apparently had an excellent command of the Zulu language.

Sr. Ignata entered our Congregation in Neuenbeken on September 7, 1960. She was clothed on August 14, 1961, made her first profession on February 2, 1963, and her perpetual profession on August 15, 1966, both in Neuenbeken. From 1963 to 1968 she was employed in the kitchen in Knechtsteden, then from 1968 in the kitchen of the Josefs Hospital in Paderborn. In 1970/71, she trained at the Meinwerk Institute to become a state-certified housekeeper. In 1976, she was transferred to Ruppichteroth in the Rhineland and returned to Neuenbeken in 1980. Here then she worked tirelessly for over twenty years in our large garden and in the vegetable cellar.

In the writing "Inner Spirit of a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood" Mother Paula, our co-foundress, encourages us to "consider everything in the light of faith as God's business and property". And, she specifically mentions the work in the garden, saying, "... if the care of the garden or any other external work is entrusted to her, she ... manages the property, the thing belonging to God. These sisters are just as active in the direct service of the Most High and in the service of the mission as those sisters who work directly in the mission through education, teaching or nursing. It is not the work or ministry itself that makes our life worthwhile, but the spirit in which it is undertaken."

Thus, we thank our Sr. Ignata for her faithful service, in which she followed the Lord and was concerned for our good. May she now in heaven gratefully praise God for His creation to which she was so attached by sowing, tending and reaping, and whose yields she gratefully received and joyfully passed on to us.

May she now rest in his peace.

R.i.p.