

**OBITUARY**  
**of our**  
**Sr. M. Leonarda Presler,**  
**† 27.10.2022**  
**in Neuenbeken**



Sister Leonarda - Ilse Presler - was born on 26 May 1937 in Schwerte /Ruhr, Archdiocese of Paderborn. She entered our Congregation on 1 June 1958 in Neuenbeken, was clothed on 2 February 1960, made her first profession here on 15 August 1961, and her final profession on 15 August 1964 in Heilig Blut.

She was then transferred to Lisbon and, after learning the Portuguese language, to Mozambique. Since she does not wish to have an obituary, we will only say here that she worked in Mozambique for over 20 years. The last stations of her assignment were, from 2002, the Motherhouse of the Holy Blood and finally the Joseph Hospital in Paderborn.

In August 2021, already seriously ill, she came to Neuenbeken for a retreat and was able to celebrate her 60th religious jubilee here on 15 August. However, she remained in the infirmary because she became increasingly frail, had to undergo several eye operations and finally suffered another leg fracture in mid-October 2022, so that she was taken to hospital. When she was discharged after a few days, it was clear that she was going on her last journey. She fell asleep quietly on the night of 27 October.

In the morning prayer of the day we prayed from Jesaja 12:

„ God indeed is my Saviour;  
I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the Lord,  
and he has been my savior;  
with joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation,  
and say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name!  
Among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim: his name is exalted and great!“

In 1986, Sister Leonarda wrote down a decree. In it she asks for prayer and forgiveness if she has hurt or offended others. She thanks all those who helped her and tried to understand her.

May she now be forever safe with God, her Saviour and Redeemer. May HE reward her for all the good she has done for people with eternal joy and fulfilment.

**R.i.p.**