

## In Loving Memory of our beloved Sr M Corona Lekhethoa CPS



*"As God loves a cheerful giver, so he also  
loves a cheerful taker.  
Who takes hold of her gifts with a cheerful  
heart".  
(John Donne)*

Sr M Corona Lekhethoa CPS, was born on 4 August 1929, in Matatiele, in the Diocese of Mthatha and entered our Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood at the age of 22 at St Patrick's, Mthatha. On 6 January, 1955 she was received into the Novitiate and made her First Profession of Vows on 6 January 1957. Later, she made her Final commitment to the Lord at Glen Avent Convent, Mthatha on 2 July 1962.

Soon after her First Profession, in 1957, Sr Corona was transferred to Mariannahill to do General Nurse's training.

In 1961, Sr Corona, empowered with nursing skills, was requested to take care of the physically and mentally challenged children who at that time occupied a farm house at Glen Avent.

In 1963, she was offered a chance to train for Midwifery in Mariannahill. Soon after completing her studies lasting one year, she was transferred to Marialinden to be sister in charge of the Clinic for 12 years. Thereafter, she moved to Mt Frere hospital where she served unreservedly for five (5) years.

In 1981, she received a transfer to Mariazell, to be Sister in charge of the Mission Clinic. During this period, she reached out to St Michaels, Fatima, Ha kweqama and Masupa to serve the people who could not walk long distances to the Mission Clinic. She joyfully, carried out her Missionary service for the greater honour and glory of God.

In 1986, she received a transfer from Mariazell Mission to Glen Avent Convent to do house chores, a task she diligently carried out for just a few months before moving back to Mt Frere Hospital to serve the people of that area.

In 1990, she was transferred back to Glen Avent Convent to help in the Infirmary and to do mending for the sisters.

In 2001, Sr Corona was appointed as House Superior for the Cofimvaba Community. She carried out this duty for 3 years and thereafter, was transferred back to Glen Avent Convent to take care of our Senior Sisters and the bedridden in the Infirmary.

Sr Corona is described by those who were in close contact for having had a friendly, welcoming attitude and always very supportive and positive.

In November 2019, Sr Corona Lekhethoa, was diagnosed with breast Cancer and became seriously ill on 1 August 2020 and was tested Negative for COVID-19. However, on 3 August 2020, a day before celebrating her 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday, she slept peacefully surrounded by her community members in Glen Avent Convent, who accompanied her with prayers to her everlasting home in heaven.

*"Robala ka kgotso ngwanano. Re tla dula re o hopola kamehla". RIP*