

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SR M. URSULA MDADANE CPS WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 15 MAY 2023

***“Your mind must be renewed...so that you
can put on the new self that has been
created in God’s way, in the goodness and
holiness of the truth. (Eph 4:23 -24)***



Thokozile Agrippina Mdadane, the daughter of Mr Meinrad and Mrs Matilda Mdadane, was born on the 21 September 1943 in Tshelimnyama, near Pinetown, in the Diocese of Mariannhill.

She joined the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in Mthatha, Glen Avent on the 03 January 1958. On reception into the Novitiate on the 6 January 1961, she was given the name, Sr Ursula. She made her first profession on the 02 July 1962, in Glen Avent and committed herself to God in perpetual vows on the 06 January 1968, in Glen Avent.

After her profession, she worked in the dairy in Glen Avent and in the same year she was assigned to the St Paul’s Mission Press, in St Patrick’s, Mthatha. When the printing relocated to Glen Avent, Sr Ursula was transferred to Glen Avent in St Paul’s Printing, where she was a receptionist, distributing different material to relevant departments within the printing. She was later sent to study secretarial work in Edendale Technical College. On the completion of her studies, she was re-assigned to the St Paul’s Mission Press. In 1985, she was transferred to Lumko, Germiston for Administrative work as well as House Leader for the CPS community. It was here that Sr Ursula was introduced to PHR – Personality and Human Relations, under the mentorship of Fr Dick Broderick MCJ, a missionary priest of the Sacred Heart. Sr Ursula introduced PHR to many people. After training as a Formator in Rome in 1986, she was appointed a Formator for Pre- Novitiate and in 1992 as Temporary Profess Sisters’ Directress. She was appointed to be the First Assistant and Secretary to the Provincial in 1993.

Sr Ursula had an interest in developing and empowering others. To fulfil this wish, Sister was trained for Adult Basic Education in Mthatha Ecumenical Centre, in 1975. She later taught adults who were never able to attend school when they were young. She taught adults from areas surrounding Glen Avent, like Silverton “Sitwayi” and Tyumbu. Some of her students even attempted Matric, Grade 12 nowadays. She told many jokes about her students,

especially men, who would be anxious that “uqombothi” home brewed beer, will be finished while they were in class. They wanted her to end the lesson, or they would simply walk out.

In 1998 Sr Ursula was transferred to Canada, Toronto. She continued training people in PHR there. She also ministered to the frail who were in St Bernard’s. In 2018, she returned to Glen Avent and joined the senior sisters in the apostolate of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Her health slowly deteriorated, and mobility was a challenge, which she bore with great patience. She eventually was taken care of, in the infirmary, where she had been, until the day the Lord called her home.

Whenever she was offered help, she smiled in gratitude. She returned to her Creator on the 15 May 2023, surrounded by some of the sisters in the house.

We are grateful “Ursu.” for the privilege of you being our sister. We now commend you to our heavenly Father, through the merits of the Precious Blood of His Son. You often would say, “Yesu wam ndincede” (“My Jesus help me”). May He truly help you to adore Him eternally.

Thank you, Sr Ursula Mdadane CPS, **Mawela, Sodingila kaDina, Mahlaphahlapha.**

May Sr Ursula CPS rest in peace in God’s eternal glory. Amen!