## YOU ARE PRECIOUS IN MY SIGHT

AND I LOVE YOU

(IS. 43:1)



## IN MEMORY OF

Sr. M. Henrica Assenga, CPS

who went home to God 17th May 2020

Sr. M. Henrica Assenga was born on May 28<sup>th</sup> 1963, to the late Cosmas and Adelina Assenga at Rombo in Tanzania. Sister Henrica was baptized on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1963 at St. Joseph's Parish in Mashati, Tanzania. After completion of her Primary education, Sister Henrica completed a typing course at Moshi Community Centre. She worked for several years as the school secretary at Kifungilo Girls'Secondary School and became a student there completing her O-Levels in 1993.

Following God's call, Sister Henrica entered the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood Sister in Riruta on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1993. She was received into the novitiate on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1995 in Poli Singisi and made her first profession on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1997 in Polis Singisi. Sister pronounced her Final Vows on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2005.

In 2001 Sister Henrica received a National Business Certificate from Msimbazi Centre, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She later successfully upgraded her secretarial skills at the Toronto School of Business from 2002 to 2003.

Sister Henrica has worked on various mission stations; in Morogoro in Tanzania, in Riruta, Kenya as assistant to the Provincial Secretary, as the Secretary to the Bishop of Zanzibar and at Precious Blood Girls' Secondary School, Poli Singisi, Tanzania as bursar and as Superior of the community there.

On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Sr. Henrica, who had not been feeling well most of that week, was admitted at Serian Hospital, Arusha with pneumonia. On Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, our Sr. Henrica quietly returned to the Lord. As it was suspected that she had Covid - 19 her funeral mass was held the next day, Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. She was buried in our cemetery at Poli with only the sisters of the community present.

Sr. Henrica surrendered joyfully to God's guidance relying solely on Him throughout her life. She was a woman of faith with a ready smile for all.

She will be missed by all who were touched by her presence in their lives.

Sister Henrica, may you now find comfort and peace in the arms of your Lord.

'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; may it be done to me according to Your Word'