

You are precious in **My Sight**
and **I Love** you
(cf. Is.43:1)



IN MEMORY

SR. M. NICODEMI MASOKA CPS

*1 July 1944 +7 July 2020

Today we wish to celebrate the life of Sr. M. Nicodemi Masoka, whom Our Lord called her home on July 7, 2020.

Sr. M. Nicodemi (Constantina) was born on July 1, 1944 to the late Edmund and Cecilia Masoka, at Mrawi, Uru in Tanzania. She was the fifth born of seven Siblings: the late Francis Edmundi Masoka, Calista Masoka, Alfred Masoka, Sr. Edimunda, CDNK, Esther Masoka and Melkerio Masoka. After completing Standard Seven in 1962, Sister Nicodemi entered the Congregation on 28.12.1963 at Precious Blood Convent Riruta, Kenya. She was received into the novitiate on 02.02.1966 and made her First Profession on 02.02.1968 and her Final Vows on 29.08.1973. After her First profession, Sister Nicodemi received a Certificate in Maendeleo at Masinde Juu, Tanzania in 1968. In 1971 she completed a one-year course in Formation and Pastoral work at A.R.U. Scholasticate Jinja, Uganda.

Sister Nicodemi has worked on various mission stations; in both Tanzania and Kenya. In Tanzania, Sister has been stationed at Machui, Zanzibar, Moshi, and in Kenya at Riruta, Kalimoni, Kilungu, Bura and Kagwe. Thorough out her life, she was mostly engaged in domestic duties in the convent. She was very hard working and carried out her responsibilities bearing in mind that she was cooking, sewing, washing, gardening etc. for God's family. True to Mother Paula's words, she knew very well, neither work nor official duties in themselves make a life meritorious, but the attitude with which they are taken up and carried out. She was passionate about doing her duties.

In the year 2017, she retired from active ministry and was transferred back to Riruta the Provincial House. She took up the prayer ministry and would help mending clothes in the sewing room. Despite her frail and ill health, sister Nicodemi bore her suffering and pain with patience and love for the honor and glory of God and offered them up for the salvation of souls.

Since the beginning of this year her health deteriorated. She took ill and was admitted to the ICU (Intensive Care Unit) in Mater Misericordie Hospital for a month. Most of us were apprehensive about her condition and thought she would not pull through. Surprisingly enough, she left the hospital, came back home and was determined to live as ever. Despite the great pain, she occasionally managed to leave her bed, walked to the dining room for meals, joined the sisters for prayers and attended the Sunday Mass.

Sister Nicodemi loved the Congregation. She was a prayerful, happy and outgoing cps sister. She was a woman of deep faith, committed to the various ministries assigned to her and fulfilling them responsibly. Even at her death bed, she struggled to keep her prayer alive and when she could manage, she would ask the sisters who visited her to pray and lead certain prayers that she used all her life. Though she had several health issues and chronic pain she bore them heroically. She will be remembered for her resilience to pain and her commitment to prayer even when her condition was unbearable. She was grateful for any service rendered her by the sisters and staff in the infirmary.

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

Sister Nicodemi, 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***
(Lk. 1:38)