



## **OBITUARY**

**of our**

**Sister M. Genevieve Sinclair, CPS**

**\* 14.01.1935      † 21.08.2021**

Sr. Genevieve (her Baptismal name was Theresa) was born on 14 January 1935 in Moshi, Tanzania, East Africa, and she died on 21 August 2021 in Heilig Blut.

Sr. Genevieve did not have an easy start in life and came already as a child to the childrens' home of our Sisters in Kifungilo, Usambara.

There she also began her religious formation. She was clothed on 7 September 1956 and made her First Profession on 8 September 1957. In February 1958, she went to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, to train as a kindergarten teacher. In the years that followed, she worked on various stations in Tanzania and on the Island of Pemba. In July 1963, she came to the Motherhouse, Heilig Blut, in the Netherlands, to help in the kitchen, for she was a good cook and the Sisters appreciated her cooking skills very much. On 15 August 1964 she made her Final Profession in Heilig Blut. Just one month later, she was transferred to our children's convalescent home in Bad Kissingen, Germany, and later she worked in the children's ward at our "Herz Jesu" Hospital in Paderborn. In January 1966 she returned to her home country Tanzania and worked in Kifungilo and Lushoto and later also in Riruta, Kenya.

After that, there was a turning point in her life. In August 1971, she returned to Heilig Blut. After graduating from an adult school in Helmond, she began training as a care assistant for the elderly in Roermond. After successful studies and a practical training in the Sisters' Home for the Elderly in Herten, she was able to complete her training with a diploma in 1984. From 1985 on, she worked in private care with several elderly people in Overeen and in Ardenhout. She was an enthusiastic member of the church choir there.

Sr. Genevieve returned to Holy Blood in 2005 and in October 2007, she took the Dutch citizenship. She used her creativity in the household and in the garden.

Her dishes from Tanzania were particularly popular. She always loved to sing and we sometimes heard her singing songs in Kiswahili in our chapel. When she heard African music or songs, she was in her element and danced with the music. She also loved to tell stories about Tanzania.

Sr. Genevieve loved animals and had a special attraction for stray cats. They would trustingly let her feed them.

Although her strength was failing and she struggled to walk, one could always find her raking or planting in the garden. Since 2021 however, she could no longer go outside, which was very difficult for her. She was cared for in the infirmary. From her constant restless walking around, one could sense her inner turmoil. After falling several times, she had to stay in bed. She appreciated it very much when fellow Sisters sat at her bedside and held her hand.

On 10 August 2021, Sr. Genevieve received the Anointing of the Sick in the presence of fellow Sisters in the chapel. After the anointing of the sick, it seemed that she was ready to put her life back into the hands of her Creator. Peace and a certain calmness replaced the constant restlessness in her. She could surrender and entrust herself to the Lord. She fell asleep peacefully at 9:00 in the morning of 21.8.2021.

May she now have found her peace with the Lord forever.