



OBITUARY

of our Sister

Adalberta Speibenwein

***11.01.1942 † 07.09.2022**

Sr. Adalberta - Maria Speibenwein - was born 11th January 1942 in Mauthen / Gailtal, Carinthia and died 07th September 2022 in Wernberg.

Sr. Adalberta you and your brother Hans were the only children of your parents. You had a small farm and were able to feed yourselves with what you earned. You often told us how your father went to the fields and you helped him. In general, you had a close relationship with your father. His pocket knife was in your cutlery bag and in use until the end.

After your school you went into the apprenticeship with a seamstress in your hometown, and you finished the training successfully with the examination. You were very involved in the Catholic rural youth and through them you also came into contact with Wernberg. In 1960 you were not the only young woman from the Gail Valley who joined Wernberg. At the same time + Sr. Rudolfine Schaar and Sr. Anna Maria Ploner came. You were immediately in great demand as a seamstress, because many religious dresses had to be sewn! After your formation you made your First Profession on May 3, 1963, and then your Final Profession on May 3, 1966.

Already as a junior sister you were needed in Spain in the study house of the Mariannahill Fathers and took care of the household. After working there for 12 years, you were called back to Wernberg to work in the sewing room.

When your mother was no longer able to care for herself and your impaired brother, you were given permission to take over this service. In total, you were for 5 years the faithful daughter and sister - until the death of your mother in 2007. Your brother found shelter in a farm, which offered a good home for people with disabilities. You liked to come back to Wernberg. You enjoyed gardening and had a special talent for the currant bushes. Of course you were always in the sewing room. You were always ready for services in the community and you very often found washing dishes. With your simple, quiet and cheerful nature, you were a valuable member of our community. You were a very positive person with a deep faith. Recently you

said "While walking I never pray the rosary, my prayer is to praise God in creation". For many years you suffered from diabetes. By the end of 2020, you were on sick leave. Time and again you expressed that you were looking forward to going home to the Lord. A month ago, you complained of pain in the groin area and went to the hospital for clarification, but immediately returned home without any findings. Another stay followed. You returned to Wernberg very weak. Quiet as you were, you went home on Wednesday, September 7, at noon.

We thank you for your life in our community, for being a sign of hope in suffering, for all your goodness, your cheerfulness and for many small, faithful services.

Sr. Pallotti and fellow Sisters