

## In Loving Memory of our beloved Sr M Ambrose Shabalala CPS



*"Our hearts are made for you, O lord, and  
they will not rest until they rest in you"  
(St. Augustine).*

Sr M Ambrose Shabalala was born on 29 October 1939 to Mr Juda and Mrs Christina Shabalala in the Diocese of UMzimkhulu, South Africa.

She answered the call to the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood and joined the CPS Sisters at Glen Avent Convent, Mthatha, on 27 December 1958. Thereafter, she was received into the Noviciate on 5 January 1962 and made her First Profession of Vows on 1 July 1963. Her Final Profession of Vows was on 6 January 1971 at Glen Avent Convent, Mthatha South Africa.

In 1963, Sr Ambrose was placed at Glen Avent Convent as an assistant in the sewing room.. Shortly before the end of the year, she was sent to Germany Neuenbeken Mission School to do studies.

In 1970 she was sent to Mariannahill to train as a nurse and thereafter, in 1974 was transferred to Ikhwezi Lokusa Special School Mthatha to take care of the physically and mentally challenged children. In 1976 she did her midwifery training in Mariannahill.

In 1978, Sister worked as a Nurse in Cala Clinic and subsequently, in 1981 was transferred to Mt Frere where she worked in Mt Frere Hospital. Besides her normal tasks as a nurse, sister also gave special care to the HIV/ AIDS Patients.

In 2005, Sr Ambrose was appointed as sister in charge of the community in Bizana, the task she did to the best of her ability. From 2009 – 2013, sister worked in the Parish Office in Marialinden and assisted whoever needed help. In 2013, when the sisters were withdrawn from Marialinden, she returned to Glen Avent Convent and joined the "Ithemba Mini Project", a newly established Project which aims at sustaining the Province. It is a Project that sews School Uniforms for Little Flower Primary School in Qumbu. On 17 June 2020, Sr Ambrose Shabalala died to COVID-19 related illnesses.

*Lala ngoxolo dade wethu, sohlala sikukhumbula RIP*