

## In Loving Memory of our beloved Sr Maria Corda Waldhör CPS

*"Well done, good and faithful servant...  
enter into the joy of your Lord"  
(Matthew 25:21)*



Sr Maria Corda was born on 25 July 1940 in Puchkirchen in Austria in the Diocese of Linz. On her baptismal day she was given the name Anna. Her late parents were Franz and Maria Waldhör. She had 6 siblings; 2 brothers and 4 Sisters.

On 3 February 1958, Anna entered the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in Wernberg. A year later, on 2 May 1959, she was received into the Novitiate. On 3 May 1960, she made her First Profession of Vows. While still in Wernberg, on 8 September 1963, she made her Final Commitment to the Lord.

During her life time, Sr Maria Corda was awarded the following Certificates:

Teacher's Training at Digby Stuart College, London, (1965 – 1968).

Diploma in Special Education (Palsied) UNISA – 1972

Computer Information Technology UNISA – 1992

Bibliolog Course by Andrea Schwarz at Mariannahill – 2008

In 1960 Sr Maria Corda's received a transfer to Neuenbeken Mission School. In 1965 she was placed in the Motherhouse. In 1969, she went back to Neuenbeken. Few months later, in 1969, she was transferred to Mariannahill, Province, South Africa where she taught at St Francis College for one year before moving to the Eastern Cape Province in 1970 and was placed at Ikhwezi Lokusa Special School of the physically challenged children. She was in charge of the School Pottery Section where she gave therapy to all classes to make use of their hands by moulding various objects e.g clay cups, dishes etc. It was during this period that she injured her back from which she suffered for many years till her death. She endured her pain often expressed in her gentle smile. For that reason, the Congregation decided to place her in Mariannahill Province in order to be close to the doctors. In 1981, she took up teaching once again at Francis College. In addition, she was a House Mother at the Girls' Hostel. When she retired from teaching, she became involved in Pastoral Activities in Pretoria and as Chaplain to Pretoria W. Technikon (ACTS). In 2003, she came back to Mariannahill, Einsiedeln, and Emaus as Temporary Assistant to these Mission Schools. In 2004, she was appointed to be the House leader in Mariannahill Convent and re-appointed in 2008. When her time was over as superior, she accepted a transfer to Sacred Heart, Ixopo where she assisted in the House Office. During this period, she gave remedial help to our studying sisters. Unreservedly, in 2012, Sr Maria Corda accepted a transfer back to the Eastern Cape Province this time to take up a task of being the Manager of Ikhwezi Lokusa Rehabilitation and Development Centre where she served for 8 years. All in all, Sr Maria Corda, spent 51 years in Africa.

On 11 June 2020, she was tested for Covid. Unfortunately, died to COVID-19 related illnesses. on 12 June 2020 lying peacefully in her bed at Glen Avent Convent, surrounded by some sisters. Sr Maria Corda Waldhör, may the good Lord reward you generously and give you a rich share in His glory.

*Sr Maria Corda CPS Rest In Peace, we shall remember you always.*