

In Loving Memory of our beloved Sr M Beatrice Khofu CPs

*The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me. I give them
eternal life; they will never be lost and no one
will ever steal them from me.
(John 10: 27-28.)*



Sr Beatrice, Khofu was born on 18 December 1936, in Matatiele at the brink of the Drakensburg Mountains in South Africa. Her parents were Petrus and Ignatia Khofu. At the age of 22, Sr Beatrice entered the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood on 27 December 1958, at Glen Avent Convent, Mthatha. On 6 January 1961, she was received into the Novitiate. Consequently, made her First Profession of Vows on 2 July 1962 and made her Final Commitment to the Lord on 6 January 1968.

In order to be fully equipped for the Mission ahead, Sr Beatrice, obtained a Certificate in Dressmaking at Mariannahill in KwaZulu Natal on 4 March 1977. Apart from that, in 1974 she trained as a Catechist at St Peter's Institute, East London. Thereafter, Sr Beatrice worked in the following Mission Stations: Glen Avent Convent, St Patrick's, Qumbu, Cofimvaba, Farview, Mariazell mainly as a seamstress and Catechist. In 1981, she served in the Despatch Department of Lumko, in Queenstown. In 1999, in Landsend, she was in-charge of Pastoral work as well taking care of the children of Mary. Owing to her leaderships skills, Sr Beatrice, became the house leader in most of the mission stations she was called to serve, a task today one would not wish to take. In 2012, she served as a Parish Sister at St Patricks and in addition, she did mending for the sisters and took care of the children of Mary in the Diocese of Mthatha. As a leader, she was very observant of other people's needs and cared for their spiritual and physical welfare.

Sr Beatrice, contributed immensely by masterminding the "iThemba Mini Project" for the Sustainability of the Province. She and 4 other sisters sewed School uniforms for Qumbu Primary School.

Sr Beatrice bore her pain with a smile. She was under the doctors' care for many years. Unfortunately, on 12 June 2020 she felt unwell with inability to walk. She was tested to COVID-19 on 12 of June was found to be Positive. On 13 June 2020 she died within 12 hours of admission in Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital late in the Afternoon to COVID-19 related illnesses.

"Robala ka kgotso ngwanero. Re tla dula re o hopola kamehla. RIP