



**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**OF**  
**SR. THERESA-MARIA MACHUMI CPS**

**05.06.1953 – 07.03.2020**

Sr. Theresa-Maria Machumi was born on 05.06.1953 in Mazoe in the Archdiocese of Harare. She was born to the late Mr. Lamek Baleni and Mrs. Maria Magdalen Machumi. She entered our Congregation on 12.01.1970 at Precious Blood Convent in Macheke and she was received into Novitiate on 01.09.1970. On 10.01.1975, she made her first Profession at Precious Blood Convent Macheke and on 08.09.1980; she made her perpetual commitment to God, at St. Pius Parish in Bulawayo.

Sr. Theresa-Maria, in her simplicity and childlike heart served God and His People for 45 years as a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood. She was a Nursery (Early Childhood Development) School Teacher by Profession. In Zimbabwe she worked at five different Mission Stations and these are; Sacred Heart Home, Monte Cassino Mission, Precious Blood Convent Macheke, Convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Pius Parish and of these five Missions stations she spent more years at St. Pius Nursery School where she trained Nursery School Teachers as well as teaching the little ones.

Her last Mission was in Mungwi, Zambia where she worked as an Administrator at Natasha Pre-School for few years. During her time at Natasha Pre-School Sr. Theresa managed to increase the enrolment from 20 to 106 and under her guidance the school was named the best and model Early Childhood Development Centre.

Sr. Theresa-Maria gently and lovingly cared for the young children entrusted to her; she had children at heart and they were a source of joy and strength in her Missionary work. She loved them and they loved her. She interacted with them to the extent of enabling them to do extra ordinary things for their age. Sister educated many women and men who are now high ranking in the Zimbabwe society and beyond.

Among us her sisters she was known as a very gentle and humble person who was committed to her work and her religious life. She was prayerful, peaceful, joyful, respectful, shy and a woman of integrity.

Sr. Theresa-Maria's health started failing in November 2019. She carried her cross of pain and suffering in silence, with patience and hope, until her last day when God invited her back to the heavenly home in the night of 7 March 2020.

She will be greatly missed by many people she served both in Zambia and in Zimbabwe and by us her sisters.

*REST IN PEACE OUR BELOVED SISTER!*