



*In Active Contemplation*

**DOMINICAN SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION**

**WE COMMUNICATE**

**PROVINCE OF INDIA**  
*a Quarterly Bulletin*

**VOLUME XIV**

**ISSUE 2**

**APRIL 2022**

**TRIBUTE TO  
SR. JOSEPHINE KURUTHUKULANGARA OP**



# CONTENTS

1. The memory becomes a treasure  
Sr. Daisy Rose Peenikaparamban OP
2. Eulogy of Sr. Josephine  
Sr. Deepa Moonjely - Provincial Superior
3. A few Memories, Inspirations and Challenges. - Sr. Reetha Mechery OP
4. Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's  
Sr. Mariamma Paul Ollukaran OP
5. Dear Josephine, Pray for me  
Sr. Rose Mary Kadampattuparambil OP
6. Sr. Josephine - An Epitome of the Family Traits - Sr. Anula Irvin Suguna Joseph OP
7. An Inspiring Teacher...  
Sr. Reema Rison Valiyaveetil OP
8. Sr . Josephine - Our Pride - Sr. Latha OP
9. Sr . Josephine - Intercede for us  
Sr. Arul Selvi Ignasiammal OP
10. The Lord is my Shepherded, there is nothing shall I want... Sr. Moly Pengiparamban OP
11. God Alone - Sr Lilly Vadakkeniyath OP
12. Beautiful Mother - Sr. Emily Parimala OP
13. A Pleasant Presence - Sr. Lilly Chalackal OP
14. My encounter with Sr. Josephine  
Sr. Ruby Jose Pulickal OP
15. Yes Lord, Here I am -  
Sr. Josmary Mookken OP
16. Miss you dear Sr. Josephine  
Sr. Nilam Rashmi OP
17. Gratitude is the memory of a heart  
Sr. Elsy Vadakkumpadan OP
18. It's only a memory - Sr. Siji R. OP
19. A woman with joy and hope  
Sr. Jacintha Gracy Miranda OP
20. Hoping against Hope  
Sr. Lamma Joseph OP
21. Tribute to dear Sr. Josephine  
Sr. Philomina Vengachottil OP
22. In Memoriam - Sr. Madhuri Jojo OP
23. Closings The eyes of the world and Opening of the eyes of Sr Josephine in Heaven.  
Sr. Godlima Kullu OP
24. I saw a Cancer patient for the first time  
Sr. Manjula Soreng OP
25. Jesus said I have called you by name.  
Sr. Jessy Jose Peedikayil OP
26. Life is from God and he takes it back to himself. - Sr. Sunita Tete OP
27. Unforgettable memories of Sr. Josephine  
Sr. Mary Augustine Ookken OP
28. She had a heart that cared completely ...  
Sr. Anney Maniyamkott OP
29. Accepted the reality in faith.....  
Sr. A Mary Jayanthi OP
30. "God loves a cheerful giver"  
Sr. Jessy Pothaparambil OP
31. My experience with Sr. Josephine  
Sr. Amalorpava Mary OP
32. A Loving and Lovable Dominican  
Sr. Celement Jenifer OP
33. Sr. Josephine: A memory cherished!  
Sr. Jini Joseph Mazhuvanchery OP
34. Legacy of St. Dominic & Bl. Marie Poussepin

## *The Memory becomes a Treasure*



We understand death only after it has placed its hands on someone we love. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. When we lose someone whom we love, we must learn not to live without them, but to live with the love they left behind. Sr. Josephine has become a memory and we treasure that memory. She was an amazing sister. People who knew her will remember her as a person who was kind, caring, thoughtful, and loyal.

I always thought of Sr. Josephine as a true educator, rather than just a teacher. That word comes from two Latin words: e-ducare (mould or train) and educere (draw forth). The connotation of a teacher is that of one who has the knowledge and is sharing it with others (mould or train); on the other hand, the educator is one who draws forth from others the infinite potential placed there by God. That was Sr. Josephine- an educator who drew forth. What a sacred ministry! She loved it; she found her niche. How many lives has she touched and enriched! It reminds me of the Scripture passage that tells us that "... those who teach others shall shine for all eternity!" I can almost see that shining star right now.

Though we may have had our own confrontations, Sr. Josephine encouraged me all through my religious life and challenged me to be a good and faithful religious. She appreciated me each time when I prepared liturgy, my editorials of the bulletin, my graphics, some little things to express my love and care for her, and also when I did some hard work in the community. Very often she told me, "Daisy, I pray for you". The last thing I requested her was to pray for Jeevadhara Family Renewal Centre and the many young couples and youth whom I am accompanying. I am sure that she is doing it.

Sr. Josephine, you served well through all the responsibilities entrusted to you. A good and faithful servant, now enter into the joy of the Master. I thank God for your life journey and your vocation, so that in all things God may be glorified. I thank Sr. Deepa, for giving me a full day to sit with you and pray for you and with you for your final journey. Sr Josephine, I consider it a privilege to be part of your life and journey to the end.

Not many days are over since Sr. Josephine has left us for her eternal reward. This is a small attempt to gather together the sentiments deep within all of us who lived with her in one way or another. I hope that these few lines from each one of the sisters may encourage us to live a joyful life and face death peacefully. We all miss Sr. Josephine greatly but her legacy lives on and we have many fond memories to reflect on, as our minds drift back to the past.

**Sr. Daisy Rose Peenikaparamban OP**  
**SMC Co-Ordinator**



## Eulogy of Sr. Josephine

Good morning and welcome to each one of you for this celebration of the birth into the eternal life of our dear Sr. Josephine. Our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who are gathered here to memorialize, pray, and bid farewell to our dear Sister. In the name of the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation, I welcome each one of you and very specially, our dear Sr. Josephine's family members. Thank you for the gift of Sr. Josephine to us. She has been a real gift to us, especially during her last 50 years of life as a Dominican Sister of the Presentation.

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven.” (Mt. 5: 15-16)

That is exactly who Sr. Josephine was in her committed life ... a light that burned selflessly till the last minute, drawing and empowering all those who came in contact with her- her students, friends, colleagues, sisters, and family... She motivated and inspired us all, to achieve our goals and thus led us to God Himself, the true light. She was a lively, cheerful, and friendly person. No one will forget Sr. Josephine, once he or she has met her.

Sr. Josephine was born on 16.06.1948 in Aranattukara, Trichur, Kerala, to a loving family, as the eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph and Mercy Kuruthukulangara. She has two brothers and four sisters as siblings. You filled her with an overflowing love which she reciprocated to you: her family, friends, and all of us.

After her pre-degree studies, in 1968 she left for

the United States to become a Dominican Sister of the Presentation and she made her first profession on 13.06.1971 along with Sr. Mary Urumpumkuzhiyil and other companions. She did her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from South Eastern Massachusetts University. She made her Perpetual Profession on 21.05-1978 in Kuttikad, Trichur, Kerala. She did her Bachelors in Education from Mount Carmel College, Kottayam, Kerala.

As a Teacher, Sr. Josephine has given herself to thousands of students in Carmel English medium school, Chalakudy, Christ School, Bangalore, St. Jude's school, Khargone, SSB School, Bangalore, St. Basil's School, Basti, St. Xavier's School, Soganur, St. Mary's School Bhadravathy, and ST. Dominic School, Karehally.

In whichever community Sr. Josephine was in, she actively participated in the parish activities and especially in teaching catechism to children. As a religious, Sr. Josephine was truly faithful to her religious commitment and tried to live it, following the rules and regulations of the Congregation. With dedication, commitment and responsibility, she tried to do the various services and ministries entrusted to her, such as: Aspirant mistress, Local Superior in different communities, Regional Councillor, Vice-Provincial Treasurer and Vice Provincial councillor. While she was serving as treasurer in St. Dominic School Karehalli, Shimoga Dt., on December 4, 2021, Sr. Josephine came to Bangalore for cataract surgery. After getting an appointment for her surgery on January 8, 2022, she was to return to her community on December 15, 2021. But on December 13, she started with gastritis for which on the 14th she was taken to St. Philomina's hospital, Bangalore. After consulting the doctor, she came back to the community. But her stomach continued to be upset and as a result, she was taken to St. John's Medical College Hospital where she got admitted the very next day.

Sr. Josephine underwent laparotomy on December 24, 2021, and later, it was

confirmed that she was suffering from the last stages of cancer of the stomach which was painful and shocking news for all.

Her smile was her greatest gift to me and those around her, as we struggled to accept the sad reality of her illness. Sr. Josephine was not perfect – she had her fair share of human weaknesses, limitations, and imperfections like the rest of us...and how deeply she was aware of this but, this is all now healed and transformed in Christ.

I want to thank those who accompanied Sr. Josephine during her last days. Dr. Rakesh and all the doctors and staff of the Oncology department, ICU, and ITU of St. John's Medical College Hospital. So gentle, caring, concerned, and loving was your approach to Sr. Josephine! The words 'Thank you' seem so inadequate but I know that our God who sees your good work will reward you abundantly. Sisters of the four communities in Bangalore, members of Karehalli Community, Sr. Lisa, and a few sisters from other communities offered themselves generously to support and care for Sr. Josephine, even to the minute details. Her brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, cousins, and other members of her family, through their physical presence and also through their virtual presence strengthened her, comforted her, and consoled her. Her friends, students, colleagues, and others assured her of their care and concern. While she was nursed and cared for, in the convent, she was lucky to have the assistance of Dr. Susheela,

friends of the community, and her own friends. Many priests attended to her spiritual needs. Our sincere 'thank you' to each and every one.

Accompanying Sr. Josephine during her sickness and last days was probably one of the most touching, and formative experiences of my life. No complaints... accepted all the pain.... Consoled me many times.... Helped in making decisions, concerning the treatment when it was so difficult... Her courage in the face of adversity was an inspiration for me, for all the sisters, and for all who knew her.

The last moments of Sr. Josephine's life here on earth were moments of grace and peace. On 23- 03-2022, around 6 pm Sr. Josephine's breathing began to alter and become heavier. All the sisters of the four communities with some of her family members stood around her praying. We experienced that the Lord to whom she had committed her life, had come for her, His bride. She took her last breath at 7.44 pm in total surrender to her Lord.

I know that all of us feel the emptiness, the great loss. I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to all and especially to all her family members. I know that you will miss her terribly. She must be now looking at us from above and interceding for all of us to her Lord. May she enjoy being with her Lord forever! May she enjoy eternal life, as we continue to pray for her and ask for her intercession!

**Sr. Deepa Moonjely OP**  
**Provincial Superior**





## A FEW MEMORIES, INSPIRATIONS AND CHALLENGES

As I relive the experiences of these past few months of Sr. Josephine's life on earth and her birth to eternal life on March 23, 2022, and these few days after experiencing this great loss, I am also carried back to the days long forgotten. The memories of the time before our entrance into the Congregation and of our initial formation, years as Sisters of Temporary Profession, our early years of sharing various services in formation and administration in the Region, meeting together occasionally during our Vice-provincial and provincial gatherings and of keeping in touch with each other from the countries where we were assigned to, became more alive during these days. I will summarize them as few memories, inspirations and challenges that Sr. Josephine has left behind for me and for those of us who had known her, loved her, and lived with her.

I thank God and Sr. Josephine for her continued presence among us, even though she is no more with us physically. Vivid memories of her vitality, cheerfulness, energy, enthusiasm, love, caring and concern, support and encouragement, humor and laughter, dedication to her duties and responsibilities, fidelity to her religious commitment, generosity and service mindedness, openness and

outgoingness, respect and politeness and patience and endurance have led me to draw a lot of inspiration from Sr. Josephine. During her last days, she inspired me greatly, when I saw, how happy and cheerful she was, reaching out to everyone who came to visit her, even though she herself was going through great pain. She challenged me when I witnessed how gracious she was with all those who took care of her and how readily she let herself be cared for, in the way possible for each one according to one's own knowledge, skill and experience. Her apostolic zeal to help our aspirants and novices to improve their English, during her illness and suffering was and continues to be a great challenge for me. Sr. Josephine challenged me to be ready to surrender myself into the loving and merciful hands of our living God whenever He calls me for that last act of love on this earth.

I thank all our sisters living and dead and those who have left us and all our novices, postulants and aspirants, Sr. Josephine's family members living and dead, and her friends who were all part of my lived experience with Sr. Josephine, which has now become a memory. I hope and pray that we may be able to cherish Sr. Josephine's memory, may we listen to her inspirations, and may we live her challenges!

**Sr. Reetha Mechery OP**

## Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's (Rom 14:8)

It is hard to believe that Sr. Josephine is no more, though I feel her vibrant presence around us. Maybe because I have not seen her sick or in bed, many of you had the opportunity to accompany her. I guard the good memories of her and thank God for her gift of vocation for the Congregation.

When I scroll back to the years of my life, I remember it was in July 1981; Sr. Josephine came to my home with Sr. Rose Mary Kadampattuparampil along with Fr. Claude Ollukaran to meet me and introduce me to our Congregation. Little did I know about the life and mission of the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation, everything was unexpected and quick decisions were made that I go along with the sisters to Kuttikad to have a glimpse of their life. There begins my vocational journey as I continue with gratitude for this first encounter with our sisters. It was Sr. Josephine who introduced me to the first lessons in religious life as my formator in Aspirancy, taught me English, and prepared my way to commitment. I saw in her an enthusiastic teacher both in cities and in villages, she simply enjoyed being with children and with people. I worked along with her closely for the animation of the Province in her responsibility as Provincial Treasurer, she was faithful and committed in her service, available for dia-

logue and search, listening to God, and always stood by me in my struggles to cope up with the different situations of everyday life.

Today we fold our hands in gratitude for her life and commitment as she instills hope in our hearts. When we remember the good that God has done to Sr. Josephine and the legacy she has left behind for all of us to imitate, we are encouraged to hope that more good will come our way by her intercession for us.

Sr. Josephine had a great devotion to Mary, our mother. Let us pray for her through this prayer so that we build together stories of peace, hope, and unity:

“O Mary, woman and mother, you recounted by your life the magnificent works of God. Teach us to recognize the good thread that runs through history. Look at the tangled knots in our life that paralyze our memory. With your gentle hands, every knot can be untied. Woman of the Spirit, Mother of trust, inspire us too. Help us build stories of peace, stories that point to the future. And show us the way to live them together.” (Pope Francis, January 24, 2020).

**Sr. Mariamma Paul Ollukaran OP**



## Dear Josephine, Pray for me

**General Councillor, Rome**

I consider it a grace that I was there to witness the “Passover” of Sr. Josephine to her Father’s House. The last three months were for me, and I am sure for most of us who have been around Sr. Josephine, a great opportunity to ask ourselves many profound questions about life, suffering, death, and life after death. I realize that very often we are oblivious to the reality that our permanent home is not here. The death of someone we love disturbs us from our reverie.

Since Sr. Josephine was diagnosed with cancer many of us wondered whether she understood the seriousness of her condition. Or was she going through a stage of denial? I think she was neither unaware nor denying the reality. Because she was so peaceful and did not complain about her discomfort, we were the ones who were in the dark. She did say a few times on different occasions “Well, God gave me these many years of life; didn’t He?” She was grateful to God for the gift of life.

Praying with her in those last moments was an opportunity for me to question the depth of my faith. When I coaxed her for that final surrender to her God to whom she had committed herself so many years ago, to her God who had come for His Own, I felt she was convinced and she let her master take over. But, was there a moment of hesitation in my voice? When that moment comes for me will I have the courage to let go and let God?

Dear Josephine, pray for me that I too may be able to receive my Master with the same conviction as you showed!



## Sr. Josephine - An Epitome of the Family Traits

**Sr. Rose Mary Kadampattuparambil OP**

As a pioneer in the Dourdhan community, I had the privilege to live with Sr. Josephine. As a well-disciplined person, Sr. Josephine always was punctual for prayer and all spiritual exercises. Her words of wisdom and the principles she stood for are a reflection of her strong faith in the Lord. She loved to prepare Liturgy meaningfully and helped others to pray. She lived the spirit of poverty in her personal life as however tired she was, she never took an auto to reach back home. Her walk was always brisk and like St. Dominic, she prayed while she walked.

As treasurer of the Province, she instructed the sisters of the Province and the sisters in the community to live the family traits of simplicity, work, and poverty. I admire her love for gardening as she took time in the evening to water the plant pots and talk to the flowers and vegetables. Her love for the congregation was very evident in her spontaneous intercessions as well as through quality table conversations. She enjoyed teaching catechism to the children in the Parish and was very generous in her pastoral services. Bl. Marie Poussepin was her model in her service to the priest and the people in the Parish. She loved to visit the sick and the elderly and they longed to see her. She planned ahead of her responsibilities and fulfilled them with utmost clarity. She was straightforward in her relationship with the sisters and was very hospitable to everyone whether young or old. Her smile, loving and caring nature attracted many.

Dear Sr. Josephine, you taught me to live a simple, poor, and laborious life. Thank you for encouraging me to love Liturgy and imparting this love to others. You have left a legacy that is more than a memory in our lives. Intercede for all of us from heaven that we live the charism of Bl. Marie Poussepin in these challenging times.

**Sr. Anula Irvin Suguna-Joseph OP**



## An Inspiring Teacher....

Sr. Josephine's life has influenced me a lot as I got an opportunity to work with her for almost two years when she was the treasurer of the Province. Sr. Josephine had lived a life of faithfulness to God as she lived her religious commitment for fifty years with full dedication. She was a teacher to me with her instructions and the very life she lived; disciplined, accountable, sincere, transparent, and committed. I remember an incident when she was admitted to St. John's Hospital. After her surgery, she was suggested to wear a belt. We had ordered the belt and when the person brought it since he didn't have the receipt she didn't agree to make the payment the next day she made sure that he had brought the receipt before payment was done. Her strictness and corrections have made me be more alert in my dealings with others as I fulfill the mission that God has entrusted to me. Her value system lived is an outstanding quality that I have admired. She obeyed the authority with total acceptance. When Sr. Josephine was told by Sr. Deepa about her sickness, she had no arguments and no complaints but beautifully accepted God's will in her life. Sr. Deepa had shared when she came back from the hospital that it was a grace-filled moment to see and experience how Sr. Josephine had accepted the sickness saying, "He gave me this many years to live". She was able to surrender herself to the plan of God with gratitude and was always pleasant when anyone came to see her. She had special love and concern for the sick and elderly people. She made a point to visit them and pray for them to support them in their moments of pain and isolation with her prayers and physical presence. Sr. Josephine was a very loving and caring person, a true sister for me with whom I could relate with trust and freedom.

I miss you a lot, Sr. Josephine, your phone calls, messages, and advice! I always remember you with gratitude and pray for you. May God bless you with eternal peace and joy!

**Sr. Reema Rison Valiaveetil OP**

## Sr. Josephine - Our Pride

When do we look at the pictures of Jesus, Mother Mary, and all holy people what is the first thought that comes to our mind? Do we usually cry? Do we usually feel pity for them? No never, we don't cry or pity but we feel good and our hearts rejoice over them because we know that they have set us an example by their very way of life and are now in a better place than we are, and being there they constantly intercede for us before the Almighty God.

We are proud of our dear Sr. Josephine who lived her life faithfully till the last moment of her life on earth and was a joyful person, who left an impression on all who came into her life. She was a woman of faith which made her accept the will of God with courage placing her full trust in the Providence of God.

When a person dies usually it is a heart-breaking experience because we are not able to accept that reality but if we ponder over the reality of death, we know that we all have to die one day and surely we will meet that person in heaven. Sr. Josephine, though she is no more with us with her physical presence, the good examples and sweet memories we all have and had been with her remain with us till we die. So let us not mourn over her physical absence.

Nevertheless, let's thank the Lord for the gift of Sr. Josephine; let us make her alive through our words and deeds. Because she has set before us an exemplary life in various aspects, let her live in us and through us with all the sweet and cherished memories.

**Sr. Latha OP**



## Sr . Josephine - Intercede for us

- S:** She **Surrendered** her will in the hands of God.
- R:** She **Rejoiced** in the presence of God.
- J:** She was **Joyful** always.
- O:** She was **Obedient** before the Lord.
- S:** She lived a **simple** lifestyle.
- E:** She **Encouraged** everyone with her way of life.
- P:** She **Persevered** in her prayer life.
- H:** She **Humbled** herself before the Lord.
- I:** She was an **inspiration** for others.
- N:** She brought forth the **Newness** in her life.
- E:** She **Endured** everything patiently and with faith in the presence of God.

Sr. Josephine as I know and I lived with her, She was like a mother to me, she had special care and concern for me, she loved me with motherly love, she forgave others with a beautiful smile on her face, I felt her prayerful support in my life, when I came to the Philippines, she had a special concern and care for me, she used to text me once in a while and a call on special occasions. Her way of life has taught me a lot, to be faithful to the Lord, to be happy always, and to persevere in my vocation. Thank you, dear Sr. Josephine, I miss you a lot dear sister.

I am sure that Sr. Josephine is interceding for us.

**Sr. Arul Selvi Ignasiammal OP**



**She was a light that burned selflessly till the last minute, drawing and empowering all those who came in contact with her- her students, friends, colleagues, sisters and family Sr. Josephine motivated and inspired us all, to achieve our goals and thus leading us to God Himself, the true light.**

## The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing shall I want...

Yes, Sr. Josephine is no more. We lost one of us. Sadness engulfed us the moment we learned of Sr. Josephine is passing. We miss the charming presence of Sr. Josephine very badly. Her never-fading laughter will echo in our hearts and the resonance will stand forever in our communities. Even though I said that we lost our dear sister but the meadow of her presence is a sweet memory. The care, support, and love that we received from her will last forever. The dynamism which she had expressed has no compromise. The great zeal and enthusiasm that she had for our congregation and the life of a missionary are always remarkable. I still keep the sweet memory of our train journey from Khandwa to Bangalore in the hot, burning summers of the 1990s. With three cucumbers, two onions and two bottles of water Sr. Josephine use to reach Bangalore. She kept up the Family Traits throughout her life. As a teacher checking the answer sheets is another interesting aspect for Sr. Josephine. She never gets bored. She was an inspiring person who, I believe, has motivated many people. She enjoyed her mission of teaching and while enjoying she taught us how to lighten the burden of teaching.

“I know for sure that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought, and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories...’ says Leo Buscaglia, and I think it would be so true about Sr. Josephine. I express my sincere condolences to her family and all her dear ones. I believe that she is interceding for us in heaven. Now we have two efficient teachers in heaven! May the soul of Sr. Josephine, the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Sr. Moly Pengiparamban OP**

## God Alone...

Sr. Josephine was a consecrated and committed person in front of the Lord  
She led a life of faithfulness  
She lived a life of serving the Lord through her ministries  
She reached out to many poor people  
Showed them a way to the Lord in various ways  
She lived for Him alone  
She kept good communication with all in the Province  
She suffered for Him in her last days  
She surrendered herself to His Holy will  
May her soul rest in peace  
May she intercede for us from heaven!

**Sr. Lilly Vadakeniyath OP**

## A BEAUTIFUL MOTHER

My experience with Sr. Josephine is like the bond between mother and daughter. She always cared for me and inquired about me either by text or phone call. She always assured me that she is praying for me. I cannot imagine that she is no more with us, and I feel very sad that I could not go and say bye to her. I can still photograph her picture as running, smiling, and doing things with love and enthusiasm. I still remember the last words of Sr. Josephine to me when we were in the hospital, "I will be there to send you off to the Philippine mission, and I am happy for you. I do not know how to feel the absence of Sr. Josephine in my life and in our Congregation. I know Sr. Josephine, you have left remarkable memories for all of us, especially for me, physically you may be away from us but spiritually you are with me in my heart, and mind. Your memories will always remind me to say 'how beautiful is the Religious life.' I wait for you to say, Sr. Josephine "KODTHINI NODU." I REALLY AND TRULY MISS YOU SR. JOSEPHINE.

## A PLEASANT PRESENCE

**Sr. Emily Parimala OP**

*You are always there for everyone  
With a smiling face and  
Words of encouragement, advice,  
Comfort and support...  
You always considered everyone  
Cared everyone.  
May you be rewarded for your  
Cheerful giving...  
Gracious presence...  
Sr. Josephine, I thank you...  
I thank you...I miss you...*

**Sr Lilly Chalackal OP**



## MY ENCOUNTER WITH SR. JOSEPHINE

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well” (Mt 6:33). When I recall back my memory of Sr. Josephine I feel these verses of the Gospel of St. Mathew she has tried to practice and live the best way possible in her life. I saw her as a teacher, lived with her in the Novitiate community, and had a close learning experience with her as a Treasurer. In her every movement, she had only one desire to seek God and His will. She did everything with her gift of simplicity and honesty. She never sought any praise or regard. I found Sr. Josephine so passionate about the ministry of teaching. She was a teacher in the school as well as in the community. She loved to pass on her knowledge and experience, be it in the classroom or the sacristy, in the Treasurer’s office, in the corridors of the Novitiate community and provincial house.

She has left behind a great lesson “be happy and content with what you are and what you have and what you can offer” in the mission entrusted by the Lord. She with her joyful spirit has given life to everyone. I encountered the kindness and mercy of Sr. Josephine whenever I went to her with my concerns about the finance of Marie Poussepin’s Home. She would ask me “what do you want”(with a tone which is special to her) especially when she is exhausted with her work or facing any unexpected tension. I would respond to Sr. Josephine, can you help me with my concern and ignorance. I see the shift of the treasure’s heart into the teacher’s heart. She enjoyed teaching me and I enjoyed learning from her. Even today whenever I come to the Excel column of Income and balance statements in the account, I remember her fondly. Dear Sr. Josephine, you still shine among us. Thank you for suffering all your pain gracefully with patience and courage. Even in your sickbed, you taught us. THANK YOU AND GOODBYE TILL WE MEET AGAIN....

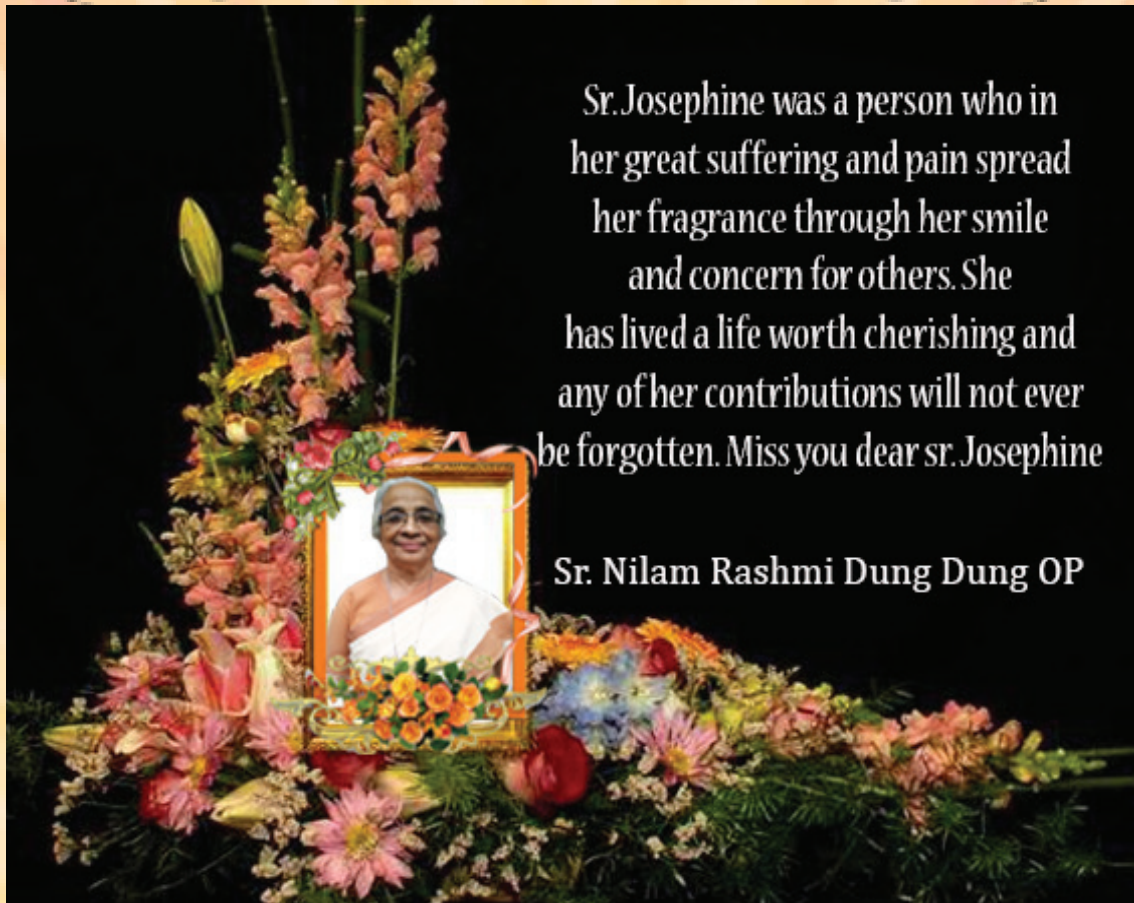
**Sr. Ruby Jose Pulickal OP**

## Yes, Lord Here I am!

It was so fast, hard to understand-  
the way you left all of us ...  
You waited for a short time patiently,  
You suffered everything silently-  
like a candle burned its full.  
The Lord who created you,  
Called you to be with HIM.  
We all have our turns,  
While waiting in this valley of tears.  
Sr. Josephine, please intercede for us to the Lord  
To live our commitment to the full.  
You are always in our minds,  
The way you communicated, the way you walked,  
The way you sat to pray to the Lord  
With one hand on your forehead, with closed eyes.  
We never forget you, Sister,  
You are always in our prayers.  
May Almighty God grant you eternal peace.

**Sr. Josmary Mookan OP**





Sr. Josephine was a person who in her great suffering and pain spread her fragrance through her smile and concern for others. She has lived a life worth cherishing and any of her contributions will not ever be forgotten. Miss you dear sr. Josephine

Sr. Nilam Rashmi Dung Dung OP

### Gratitude is the memory of a heart

The wheels started to roll 74 years ago and now it has stopped rolling ahead, but it has taken place in the heavenly abode. "Gratitude is the memory of a heart that will recognize the good done". Sr. Josephine's very nature was Jovial and friendly with everyone who approached her. Very sociable and no one will forget her if she has met once. She has impressed me to be a good teacher and good administrator and taught me to keep a good relationship with parents, colleagues, and well-wishers. She was a person filled with grace and faithfulness in her committed life. Her wisdom and knowledge made herself update as well as her leger new things were outstanding.

Her personal prayer made her accept the realities of life and suffer silently for a good cause, even in the last stages of her life. May the Lord keep her in his Kingdom.

Sr. Elsy Vadakkumpadan OP



## It's only a memory.....

Where are you now ? Reema will miss you. All the best in your studies 🙏🙏  
2:22 pm

Enjoy quaretime. Good orientation to the new community 🙏🙏🙏  
9:40 am

When are you going to start classes. All the best Siji 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏  
6:33 am

Thank you sr ..  
Hope you are doing good  
Admission not yet done 🤔🤔 8:59 am ✓✓

14 November 2021

How r you and the studies ? It is nice to see you all in the birthday celebration 🙏🙏  
5:27 pm



These are the present feelings in my heart when I think of Sr. Josephine. For me, it is the first experience to hear about and accept the death of our second Indian sister...I used to be surprised to see the messages of Sr. Josephine once in a while. Very friendly talk no difference in age group very freely she used to ask or communicate. Now no more messages...

“Again and again why just flowing through the memory  
Again and again why just into the sea of pain  
Listen to your mind listen to your mind listen to your illusory mind”

This is one of the hit songs of today from the Malayalam movie “hridayam” which expresses the feelings of past experiences. At present we all are with the memories of Sr. Josephine just going through the sea of pain hearing to our minds to accept the loss of Sr. Josephine, she has given us a lot and our prayers are always with her.....

**Sr. Siji R. OP**



## A WOMAN WITH JOY AND HOPE

Sr. Josephine had been the right woman at the right time with her smile, laughter, and person full of positivity. Even though I have not lived with her in any communities, I have heard that she is a great teacher, who not only teaches but loves her students with motherly care and makes sure she connects with their families too. I have seen this through her vast interactions and visits to the families of her catechism children in Bangalore and her open and sociable nature.

When I mentioned her illness and death to my family, my youngest sister Veera Miranda told me that Sr. Josephine was a person with a broad smile and laughter, who every day made sure she greeted her and asked about her work, family, and her well-being, while she was staying in our hostel. Then she added that it is very difficult to forget such a personality.

She not only taught as a teacher but taught us all with her exemplary witness of life. I feel she has taught me and all of us in the last 3 months of her sudden illness more than in the rest of her active life. I was wonderstruck by her deep faith and surrender to the will of God. She who has been very spontaneous, active, and lively in her religious life and mission transformed into a calm, serene, and witnessing soul who taught us what it means to say "YES" and surrender to the will of God. She taught me that what is more important is the journey of a soul to the creator and deep joy in being one with Him in good times and bad.

One day, when I called her while she was sick, the first thing she did is to smile and ask how am I? Yes. Sr. Josephine, you have shown me that even in your pain, we can think of the other, pray for others and be concerned about others' well-being. This is what it means self-emptying love.

Sr. Josephine has been a true Dominican, who has found the right balance between contemplation and action and has been a great preacher throughout her well-lived earthly life. She is a great woman filled with deep faith, sincerity, and hope. She has touched so many lives, in so many ways and I am just one among thousands.

Thank you, Sister Josephine! May you Rest in peace! Intercede for us.

**Sr. Jacintha Gracy Miranda OP**

## HOPING AGAINST HOPE

Life brings smiles, tears, and memories. The smiles fade, the tears dry, but the memories last forever. The memories of Sr. Josephine will always linger in our minds. I am sharing one of my memories of being with her after she became sick.

On January 8th it was my turn to stay with Sr. Josephine in the hospital. The doctor



had asked her to blow balloons to strengthen her lungs' function. I was asked to carry balloons and give her to blow. On the 9th morning after the hospital routines, I proposed blowing them out. She said, "I can't do it, it is difficult". Then I took one of them and blew it and told her it is the best quality balloon and it is easy to blow. Then I gave her one of them as she did I called the nurse and showed her. Both of us clapped as she finished the first balloon. She wanted to do it again and I gave her the second one and she could do that too. She tied them by herself and gave them to me. I put it on her I-V stand. I took photos and video and showed her. She was happy. When the doctor came for the rounds I showed them the balloons which were on her I-V stand. He did not believe that Sr. Josephine did. I showed him the video and he congratulated her.

She was happy and felt very good that her lungs are functioning well. Even I too thought there is hope that she will become well. But..... The best memories of our life are always captured by heart. Her memories will remain always in our hearts. Rest in Peace Sr. Josephine.



**Sr. Lamma Joseph OP**



# Tribute to

Dear Sr. Josephine



It is very difficult to believe the reality that Sr. Josephine Kuruthakulangara is no more with us on this earth. She has gone before us to God the Father to intercede for us. But my memory of her is very alive in my heart. I always remember her appearance before us with a broad smile. Her very nature itself is a very friendly, motherly, and sisterly approach which captured many hearts. She was very social and kept the contact with people. Sr. Josephine had made a tremendous impact on the lives of thousands of her children whom she taught in many schools. She brought out the best in everyone.

All the members of the communities, parishes, and institutions recognize and appreciate that her life has been a model of faith, selfless service, and kindness to all she encountered. Sister touched the lives of teachers, parents, students, and staff. Sr. Josephine had an amazing memory to recall the names of her students whom she had taught in various schools. She also was a woman of patience, cheerfulness, and graciousness. She rendered her service in the animation of the Province on different levels. She gave herself fully and totally for the mission which was entrusted to her by the Lord like a true and faithful servant.

One of the best qualities of Sr. Josephine was to be friendly and social with everyone. If any functions take place in the community, school, or the Province she will be the first one who will be standing in front of the door to welcome the guests. She will welcome them with great love. There was no difference in her welcoming any kind of people. She had all walks of life people in the circle of her relationship. To everyone, she had something to

communicate, young or old, poor or rich, etc.

As I had the privilege to be in Bangalore with Sr. Josephine just two weeks before she said goodbye to us. I used to be with her talking to her and taking care of her and praying with her and she always used to ask whether I had my food. I used to feel bad because she could not eat anything or drink. She never complained about any of those things but she was happy and content with all that our sisters offered to her. It shows her words of kindness and encouragement to me it would have seemed more fitting for it to be the other way round but such was her character to think of others before herself. Sr. Josephine, you are in a better place now, you have fought a good fight and inspired a generation. I thank the Lord for giving me an opportunity to be by your side during those last days of your life on this earth.

I would like to conclude with a Scripture. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever trusts in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life". (Jn 3: 16) Therein lies the destiny of Sr. Josephine and it's the destiny of all who have trusted in the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sr. Philomina Vengachottil OP**





## In Memoriam

The journey that we all must take and each one must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan. A step on the road to home. Sr. Josephine is so bold enough to step out on the road to an eternal home. The experience of knowing Sr. Josephine was probably during my formation period in the Novitiate. I admired Sr. Josephine for many things, her faithfulness and dedication to the mission entrusted to her, her spiritual insights, and as a true teacher. She has shown me through her life what it means to be a woman of God. She taught me the meaning of sisterhood, and what it means to give one's life, totally to God. I thank God for the privilege to live with her and that she was a part of my life. She had been so faithful to keeping the relationship using communication and she never missed to wish on special days. But from few months of unexpected sickness helped me to be united more spiritually and to accompany her in days of her suffering. This was the only way that I could do and will continue to do for her. Her motherly affection smile and the self-disciplined person will be surely missed. Dear Sister Josephine, you will always have a place in my heart. Your words of wisdom, instruction, and the principles that you stood for are a reflection of your strong faith.

**Sr. Madhuri Jojo OP**



## Closings The eyes of the world and opening of the eyes of Sr Josephine in Heaven.

Sr. Josephine completed her earthly life and began the journey to the Father's house on the 23rd of March 2022.

God Made Sr. Josephine an instrument to work in this world. She touched many people with her love and committed life. God himself created us and placed us in this world. Our life is like a pilgrimage, where we live and move but we don't belong to this beautiful world forever. Everything vanishes and passes away from this world but God alone remains like a Rock, to whom we return forever. I was touched by the life of Sr. Josephine, she Accepted all her pain and struggle with a smile and carried the cross of Jesus, and accompanied Him to Calvary during this Lenten season through her suffering. She never complained about anything and in spite of her suffering, she was concerned about all of us. She would ask did you have your breakfast? I was touched by her words and her voice was very nice as before when she was healthy. I never felt like she was sick because she was smiling all the time. I am sure that she is enjoying Heavenly bliss In Father's House.

**Sr. Godlima Kullu OP**





## I saw a Cancer patient for the first time

I thank God for the person of Sr. Josephine in our congregation. God called her to follow him as a Dominican Sister of the Presentation.

Sr. Josephine was a simple and humble person and she accepted everything for the glory of God.

Being in the Provincial house community, God allowed me to care for Sr. Josephine. On the first day, I was a little afraid to stay with her in the Hospital but as I met her she greeted me with a beautiful smile. She never complained about her pain and discomfort. I got the feeling that she was offering to God. In the hospital, I saw many people suffering from different illnesses. She helped me to learn the uses of lotions for massage and how to care for the sick. I prayed with her. It was the first

time I saw a cancer patient and took care of her. I learned from Sr. Lisa to give a bath. I was happy to care for her, she always thanked me. One day morning I had to bathe her and Sr. Tresa helped me. After the bath while we were taking her to the bed she felt giddy and we have to call Sr. Lisa to put her on the bed. I was very afraid and worried. Later when I went to her, she asked me with a smile whether I was ok. I never could forget that smile. Sr. Josephine went through many difficulties and discomfort but her joyful face made others peaceful.

I pray that may the Lord forgive her sins and welcome her in His kingdom.

**Sr. Manjula Soreng Op**

## “Jesus said I have called you by name.”



Sr. Josephine was my vocation promoter.

I contacted her through my brother Bro. Alphonse M.M.B(Malabar Missionary Brothers). When I came with him, she gave me a warm welcome by calling my name. Sr. Josephine was a person full of life, energy, joy, and enthusiasm. Her eyes were full of love for Jesus and others. From her for the first time, I learned about the life of our Blessed Marie Poussepin and her love and compassion for the poor.

Sr. Josephine as a teacher had a special love and concern for the poor and weaker students. After her term when I went to teach in

SSB English High School, the Principal of the School, his mother, all the staff, and students had a lot to tell me about the goodness of our dear Sr. Josephine. She was very dear to all of them. One thing I appreciate in her is that she calls each one by their name it shows that she gives importance to everyone to those who come in contact in her life.

My experience with her is that she had a special love, concern, and affection for me. She was a very approachable person. After talking with her I used to feel energized and strengthened. Even from her sickbed she blessed me and wished me all the best for the new mission.

Yes dear Sr. Josephine, in many ways you were a shining star in your ministry in the province and our congregation. You have imparted your knowledge and wisdom to many... You have lighted a lamp of faith in God in many hearts.

I miss you in this earthly life. But one consolation I have is that there is someone in heaven to intercede for us... My heartfelt gratitude and prayers for all that you had been in my life. Thank you... Thank You... Bye... Bye... May you enjoy the Eternal Bliss.

**Sr. Jessy Jose Peedikayil. OP**



## Life is from God and he takes it back to himself.

Yes, we are all from God. Sr. Josephine was from God, But now God has taken her back to his heavenly kingdom. Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life. Sr. Josephine Was a person who showed motherly care, love, and concern that I have experienced through her when she came to stay a few days In Mysore, she had always a smiling face. She gave us a class on St. Dominic and Mother Generals and she was expecting that I would be able to understand. When I was going to stay with her at night, I use to sit and pray the rosary. Sr. Josephine use to tell me, you sleep nothing will Happen to me, God is there to take care of me. I will never forget you until we meet again. May you intercede for all. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sr. Sunita Tete OP**



**SR. JOSEPHINE KURUTHUKULANGARA OP**



**BORN ON : 16.06.1948**

**FIRST PROFESSION: 13. 6. 1971**

**DIED ON: 23-3-2022**

**FUNERAL AT 9 AM ON 25.3.2022**

Dominican Sisters of the Presentation  
80 Feet Road, Indiranagar P.O,  
Bangalore 560038

I have fought the good fight, I have  
finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
2 Timothy 4:7

## Unforgettable memories of Sr. Josephine

“Life is a journey, a journey from birth to death”. Sr. Josephine’s journey was an inspiring and ever-living one. She was a woman of prayer and a true daughter of Marie Poussepin. Her strong faith in God kept her always joyful and committed. She is an excellent teacher who always wanted her students to shine and excel in life. She always said “Hurry up girls” which showed her enthusiasm and commitment to her community and missionary life. She was very punctual and hard-working and kept the community joyful and active. Her loud laughter and flying speed in walking were her outstanding personality in life. She had a word of encouragement and support to all those who came in contact with her. She had a smile always on her face. She suffered silently and went through the struggle and surrendered her life fully and totally to God. May she enjoy the eternal peace in God and intercede for each one of us.

**Sr. Mary Augustine Ookken OP**

## She had a heart that cared completely ...

She had the smile that brought so much pleasure, she had the love that brought joy. It is an honor for me to write this tribute to Sr. Josephine a mentor, a sister, a teacher, an administrator, an animator, and a companion. In whatever role I knew and experienced her, she stood apart as someone special to me at different times of my life!

On March 23, 2022, evening at 6.30, I got a call from Sr. Reema saying Sr. Josephine is serious, As we started our evening prayer we placed Sr. Josephine at the feet of the Lord and said “ Thy will be done “. At 8.15 pm I got the call from Sr. Reema saying that Sr. Josephine is no more. There were no words I just kept quiet. It took a few minutes for me to convey the message to the sisters in the community. Though I knew I have to soon face this reality, when the reality came it was very hard to accept. She fought a short period of battle with cancer and now and then with some illness and pain, but always with optimism.

I first met Sr. Josephine at Majestic Railway station on 12th July 1987, as a young girl who came to Bangalore with the great desire to begin the aspirancy. I along with my companions saw a sister with grey hair but very cheerful and welcoming. For me, she resembled my maternal aunt, which made me feel at home with her. She meant a lot to me as I was away from home for the first time. Her special leadership abilities and charismatic personality were readily apparent! She was very committed, thus as a young girl, I could approach her at any time. We would be waiting for her at door, to pour out the stories of the day, while she returns from Christ school. Patiently she listened to us then at the end with a sigh and say I could plant a few banana saplings, instead of caring for you all, then with a broad smile, she will say go and do your work. She was passionate about enabling us, showed us the way, and made us realize the importance of compassion, selflessness, and freedom. You



made us know the value of respecting others as we seek respect for ourselves by others and regardless of our race, language, religion, or culture. You appreciated us in small activities and taught us to be humble, to be respected through our work and values. You are one among many; you are the star, among many who made a difference in my life.

Once again I got the privilege to be with her as I was in Khargone for my community experience, where I understood the depth of community life, how a community can be bound in spite of all our indifferences. Later she was my companion to Dr. Nancy for alternative treatment. She was so caring for me and often told me you are young take care of yourself and was very attentive to me. The last time I met her was in St. Johns Medical College, on her sickbed. As I just reached her bed she enquired, how am I doing with my fever? I had nothing to tell her ...just said I am ok and praying for you ...She told me to take care of my health ...Of course, I will miss her counsel and her friendship. and her love and care for me personally. Her physical presence is gone, but the lessons she taught me in life will remain.... Goodbye Sr. Josephine

**Sr. Anney Maniyamkott OP**

## Accepted the reality in faith.....

Knowing Sr. Josephine as a person so full of emotions and expressions, I witnessed something different when I stayed with her in the hospital. Sure enough, being admitted to the oncology department, she would have known the fact, but I could feel the acceptance of 'come what may the Lord is there for me'.

Although Sr. Josephine had some pains and uneasiness, she allowed me to wipe her face put some powder, and comb her hair a little differently, and enjoyed listening to my commends smile. Then a few hours later all of a sudden she developed pain, In spite of all the painkillers I know she had lots of pain but I never heard her complaining or getting emotionally disturbed, still, she endured the aches and pains with a smile which made me feel that she had accepted the will of God. Those are the moments I experienced the acceptance and courage that she had gained through her prayer life. It also really made me wonder is it Sr. Josephine who is full of expressions and emotions became so serene and tranquil, enduring the pain and suffering and her mental agony in the Lord.

I realized that Sr. Josephine might have embraced the words from the book of Lamentations 3:22-26, The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him! The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.

Since she went from the Karehally community without the sign of any sickness we the sisters, teachers children in our school, and parish community feel her emptiness. When I went for a house visit, people told me that they still feel her so alive and active that they cannot forget her.

As a young girl, I have seen her so enthusiastic and passionate in doing things that never diminished, her voice never feebled down, her steps never slowed down, her commitment to serve the Lord never failed until she left Karehally for her

eye treatment to Bangalore. Sr. Josephine was always on the go working merrily in our school and being active in our community and our parish until she left our community.

Yes, dear Sr. Josephine your vibrating laughter still echoes. We feel you in the places where you walked and sat, still, you are alive with us. You edified me with the sterling example thank you for everything.

The province and the congregation lost a member who was an enthusiastic, generous, friendly, kind, committed sister but heaven gained another member to be an intercessor for all of us to increase the followers for Marie Poussepin for whom you had a great love.

May she enjoy the company of all the saints and angels, Mary the presentation, and live with the LORD enjoying the beatific vision of the Lord. We miss you, dear Sr. Josephine.

**Sr. A Mary Jayanthi OP**



## “God loves a cheerful giver”

The person who gives with a smile is the best giver because God loves a cheerful giver. Each one must give as she has decided in her heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Remember God's promise to the giver who gives joyfully. Jesus tells us to “give and it will be given to you “. I believe this had been very true in the life of Sr. Josephine. Always she had been giving herself joyfully at the service of others. I had the opportunity to be with her in three communities. She had been a very enthusiastic and life-giving person in the communities and mission.

Sr. Josephine always loved and cared for the children in all the schools where ever she had been. Snehanilaya Girl's hostel children were very happy and privileged to experience her cheerful attitude. I fondly treasure the memories of sr. Josephine is with the children like a mother and instructs them wisely. Our heavenly father loves to bless His children with good gifts. Likewise, Sr. Josephine had the desire to see those children grow in love and wisdom.



To give without counting the cost is perhaps the most courageous example of faith I have known. As she had completed her 50 long years of religious life, I could feel her joy and satisfaction of accomplishing God's plan for her which was seen till her breath. Sr. Josephine had been an energetic and committed religious who served our congregation selflessly. She was very kind and compassionate to the sick and poor. I recall a few days before her departure when I visited her in the provincial house asking me about my health forgetting her suffering and pain. Though her physical presence had deteriorated her mental capacity remained strong and steady. With gratitude, I remember you dear Sr. Josephine for all that you had been to the Karehally community, School and Parish. I remember with gratitude sr. Deepa and council and all the sisters who rendered their service for Sr. Josephine till her last breath.

Yes, She lived a life that was full of joy and happiness. Whenever I think about her, I remember how joyful and clever she was. I miss you Sr. Josephine, but I have wonderful memories of you, I'll always think of you with a smile and gratitude in my heart.

**Sr. Jessy Pothaparambil OP**

## My experience with Sr. Josephine

## A loving & a lovable Dominican

The road that starts should have a destiny and all of us should walk along the road to reach that destiny. I heard many times, “the first impression is the best impression” which was true in Sr. Josephine. I met Sr. Josephine first in my village as my spoken English teacher and one of the sisters who inspired me to join the congregation. She was a good instructor with a simple method. She taught me how to welcome a person with a smile to feel welcomed. This attitude of her touched my heart and I wanted to be like her throughout my religious life. From the beginning to the end she was my guide and always concerned about me. She used to call me and talked to me just to make sure I am ok and tell the things to me whenever she meets my family. I truly admire her and looked up to her for everything. Her faithfulness to the call of God and that warm smile always helped to strengthen my religious vocation. I liked her straightforwardness and her corrections which were very soft and gentle. In conclusion, she was like a mother to me who taught me to believe in God and build strong relationships with God and others, and admire the beauty of life with its fullness. I thank Sr. Josephine for showing a path full of hope and happiness filled with the grace and love of God. Sr. Josephine, you will be missed very much and I know that you will be interceding for us from above.

**Sr. Amalodbhava Mary OP**

The moments we lived together become memories, those are the memories of Sr. Josephine we have with us now. It is with a lot of agony and pain we mourn the death of our beloved Sr. Josephine.

When I think of Sr. Josephine nothing comes to my mind rather than admiring her as a joyful Dominican who lived a life of religiosity until her death even in her words and deeds. I could never forget her bursting into laughter while we recreated together in the community.

Neither words nor my deeds could satisfy my sentiments and emotions as I pen down about Sr. Josephine. She was indeed a great teacher, a guide, a leader, an administrator above all a loving and a lovable Dominican.

Gone are those days when I lived together with Sr. Josephine in the community, but the memories of those days are still fresh and new in my mind and heart.

**Sr. Clement Jenifer OP**





## Sr. Josephine: A memory cherished!

At times there is an intruder in my memory  
I am flabbergasted at her smile even in memory.  
It is an unmistakable hallmark smile  
None can miss the trademark smile.

Her smile was so charming.  
Leaving everyone's mind churning.  
Uplifting hearts drooping.  
Saddened souls smoothening.

Whether in good time or bad time  
Be it in good health or sickness  
Her lips always carried the smile  
As a witness to her inner peace.

A person of care and contentment  
Ready to be a help to all in requirement  
Her choice people of all walks of life  
Shows the innermost beauty of her life.

She found the only solace; the Lord.  
She did all she could only for the Lord.  
Days, months and years, passed by.  
More and more the Lord possessed by.

Is there gloom in the sky  
Over the loss of a smile  
More joy in heaven  
For a heart that knew to smile.

Smile from Heaven above Dear Sr. Josephine ...  
Miss you.....



**Sr. Jini Joseph Mazhuvanchery OP**



## **Saint Dominic De Guzman** **Founder of Order of Preachers (OP)**

On August 6, 1221, less than five years after the Holy See formally confirmed the founding of the Order of Preachers, Dominic died in Bologna, the site of one of the Dominicans' principal university houses and schools of theology. Just before his death, Dominic called first all the novices around him and then the oldest members of the Order, to whom he gave his last testament: "Have charity in your hearts," he said. Practice humility after the example of Jesus Christ, and make your treasure and riches out of voluntary poverty. You know that to serve God is to reign, but you must first serve Him in love and with a whole heart. It is only by a holy life and fidelity to your rule, that you can do honor to your profession."



## **Blessed Marie Poussepin** **Foundress of Dominican** **Sisters of Presentation**



With her high faith, in high prayer, with a lot of peace in her soul and in her heart, and with the satisfaction of her duty accomplished, Marie Poussepin, 90, understands that it is time to go and meet her Creator and eternal love. She and the Lord met at a spiritual feast on January 24, 1744. From that day until today, her daughters have assumed her inheritance with responsibility, discipline, dedication, and much love, remaining faithful to his ideal.

Her daughters, the Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin, remain faithful to the proclamation of Jesus Christ through the service of charity. This three-century fidelity is proof of the holiness of its Foundress: The Church officially recognized it on November 20, 1994, in the solemn act of her beatification.

Lord, merciful Father, You made Marie Poussepin, a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, in faith and charity; grant us to imitate his contemplative listening and devoted to the Word of God, for humble and generous service to brothers and sisters, and listen, through her intercession, the supplications that we address to you in our needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### **Editorial Team:**

**Sr. Daisy Rose Peenikaparamban O.P.**  
**Sr. A Jenet OP**  
**Sr. P. Premalatha OP**

**Graphics:** Sr. Daisy Rose Peenikaparamban OP  
**e-mail:** daisyrosepeenikaparamban@gmail.com  
mscdomindia@gmail.com

**Web:** [www.dominicanpresentationindia.org](http://www.dominicanpresentationindia.org)

**Published by Sr. Deepa Moojely O.P., Provincial Superior, Dominican Sisters of the Presentation, 80 Feet Road, Indiranagar P.O. Bangalore – 560038, Karnataka, INDIA**