



*Faith in the Resurrection
opens us to fraternal communion
beyond the threshold of death.*

(RoL 24)



Today, 20 January 2025 at 03:40 (local time),
in the community of Hannah Home, Manila (Philippines)

Our sister, **Sr LUCITA SALIGUMBA**

ended her earthly life

73 years of age and 44 years of religious life.

While as a Church we prayed in the office of readings: *it is not a question of making a profession of faith in words, but of persevering in the practice of the faith to the end*; the Father called to himself our sister Lucita who during her life as a faithful and zealous shepherdess and in a special way during her illness bore witness to a firm faith and entrustment to the Good Shepherd.

Lucita was born on December 3, 1951 in the city of Tagbilaran-Bohol (PH) and was baptized in the parish dedicated to St. Joseph on December 25 of the same year. She entered the Congregation on February 10, 1978, in the community of Imus and in the novitiate on July 1, 1978 in Quezon City. She made her first profession on October 7, 1980 in Quezon City and in 1981 she was sent to the Community of Parañaque, where she demonstrated her creativity in the apostolate among young people and later carried out pastoral care as a religion teacher in the School of Imus. She made her perpetual profession on October 6, 1986, in Quezon City. After her perpetual profession, she returned to the School of Imus and dedicated herself to teaching religion until 1988.

Sr. Lucita is described as a joyful and kind-hearted person who adapts well to both community life and work environments. Creative in the apostolate, she knows how to promote ecclesial communion in the ministry and is enterprising in addressing the needs and resources necessary for the apostolate. Assiduous in cultivating her spiritual life through concrete choices. She manifests a special attention to the less privileged, embodying the compassionate heart of a shepherdess, a friend and a sister for many people.

In San Fernando-La Unión, in addition to serving realities of poverty, she was an instrument of communion because she also organizes medical and dental services throughout the diocese, trying to get medical personnel of various religious denominations to collaborate. She is a beautiful and kind presence in both community and ministry. Always grateful for the people she met in the apostolate and for the many expressions of care for her.

Sr. Lucita lives an intense pastoral ministry that embraces various apostolic fields in places on the periphery and also carries out the service of government in the Province. At different times we see her in: 1988 in Tondo; 1991 in San Fernando-La Unión in the diocesan Caritas; 1994 in Quezon City in the coordination of the catechesis of the diocese; 1998 in Alcantara-Romblon; 1999 in pastoral care; 2005 in Quezon City in the Apostolatus Maris; 2008 in San Fernando-La Unión in the diocesan Caritas; 2014 in Alaminos for the basic ecclesial communities, 2015 in Imus in diocesan youth ministry, 2016 at the Mt Carmel Shrine Parish, 2019 in the community of Banna.

During her illness, Sr. Lucita openly accepted chemotherapy and other treatments necessary for her condition. During this time, she intensified her spiritual care and lived the sacraments of reconciliation and the anointing of the sick as a gift to prepare for the encounter with the Good Shepherd. The sisters testify how she embraced her apostolate of suffering with gentleness. And as in the last days, her expression was a continuous "thank you" for all that was given to her. She is prepared to meet Jesus Good Shepherd, whom she has always loved. We thank the sisters of the Province who took care of Sr. Lucita and accompanied every stage of her illness with love and dedication, offering her all the necessary care to give her serenity and relief.

As we entrust Sr. Lucita to the Mercy of the Father, let us ask this sister of ours to intercede for all the people who suffer because of wars and the various forms of poverty present in the world.

Sr. Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Rome, 20 January 2025
Saints Fabian, pope and Sebastian, martyr