



*Faith in the Resurrection
it opens us to fraternal communion
beyond the threshold of death.*
(RdV 24)



Today, 31 January 2026 at 04:15 (local time)
in the community of Hannah Home, Quezon City (Philippines),

Our sister ended her earthly life

SR OPHELIA CORPUS

58 years of age and 29 years of religious life

"Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life", this antiphon to communion, makes present the calling of Sr. Ophelia in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd and in the search for His Light in the pastoral ministry particularly aimed at young people.

Ophelia was born in Bitalag, Bacnotan, La Union (Philippines) on April 25, 1967 and was baptized on May 8, 1968 in Bacnotan in the Parish of St. Michael the Archangel. She is the sixth of 7 siblings and comes from a family with strong faith and hardworking. She entered the Congregation on June 7, 1993 in Imus – Cavite and the Novitiate on May 14, 1994 in Quezon City – New Manila. She made her First Religious Profession on June 29, 1996 in Quezon City – New Manila, and her Perpetual Profession on May 15, 2002, again in Quezon City – New Manila.

In the request for admission to perpetual profession she wrote: *reviewing the journey I have made in these years of Juniorate, I see how my life has acquired greater meaning despite the shadows and the different struggles I have gone through. I believe God has allowed me to experience all these difficulties in order to trust Him more and deepen my faith and relationship with Him.*

Ophelia is described as a sister of prayer, with a strong sense of belonging to the community and the Congregation. An industrious person who learns from everything and everyone, with great missionary zeal, generous, responsible, available and especially gifted for youth ministry. She is creative and possesses artistic talents that have proven to be very useful in the liturgical arts and knows how to use recycled materials to create small and beautiful things to decorate the environment. She loved to be with the sisters of the community and was sensitive to the needs of others.

After her first profession, in 1996, she was sent to Tanza – Cavite where she took care of Catechesis and later we see her in different communities where, in addition to catechesis, she was involved in youth ministry and the formation of pastoral workers: 1998 Parañaque; 1999 Quezon City; 2002 San Fernando – La Union; 2005 Puerto Princesa; 2007 Imus – Cavite; 2009 Alaminos: – 2015 Tanza, 2016 in Quezon City, 2019 return to Imus and in 2021 in Borongan.

In July 2023, while she was in full integration into youth ministry, she was diagnosed with colorectal metastatic cancer and since then she has been undergoing a very demanding treatment process, which she faces with great courage and desire to heal. They were years of great trial for Sr. Ophelia and also for the sisters who cared for her with love, dedication and generosity. We thank the community that offered all the necessary medical care to alleviate the suffering of Sr. Ophelia and that in this last time have lived with her the trial and the process of full entrustment in the hands of the Good Shepherd.

The sisters testify: *"Sr. Ophelia was a person who was deeply concerned about cleanliness, not only personally, but also of the surrounding environment and the community. A lover of nature, she touched the earth with her own hands. Sr. Ophelia's hands are a testament to industriousness, hard work, and dedication. Once she started something, she would give her all and make sure it was well done and carried out with care and finesse. Even when she was already suffering from aches and pains during her illness, she continued to express concern for those who cared for her, to take care of their well-being, and to often inquire about other sick sisters.*

In my more than two and a half years with Sr. Ophelia, I have found in her hands that create and a soul that listens. She served without noise and endured without complaint. I recognize that her silent faith and her patience in pain were both a living prayer. She was prepared for the encounter with the Lord. Until the end of her life, she continued to ask forgiveness and to thank all the sisters for the care".

As we entrust Sr. Ophelia to the Mercy of the Father, let us give thanks for the gift of her life and vocation as a faithful Pastorella. To you, dear Sr. Ophelia, who particularly loved youth ministry, we ask you to intercede for the young people of the world so that they can respond to God's plan and find support in adults.

Sr. Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Rome, 31 January 2026
St. John Bosco