



Dear Sisters,

In the heart of the night, on the liturgical memorial of Mary Mother of the Church, May 29, 2023, at the Hyosung hospital in Seoul (Korea), Jesus Master definitively called to himself our sister

**SR. M. JOSEPHINA – PIL SUN KIM
born on December 5, 1943 in Chungnam (South Korea).**

The youngest in a large, non-Catholic family consisting of the parents and eight children, she was the first to receive Baptism. In fact, a few days before Christmas, on December 23, 1963, at the age of twenty, Pil Sun received the new name of Giovanna at the baptismal font, and sealed her journey in search of God, which would mature in the vocation to the religious life among the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master. On February 18, 1968, she entered the Congregation, which had begun its presence and mission in Korea only three years earlier.

Together with two other postulants, on March 17, 1971, she was sent to Rome for the novitiate, at the conclusion of which she made her religious profession on March 24, 1973. After spending some months in the DM community in Bologna (Italy), in ecclesiastical tailoring, she returned to her homeland on November 28, 1973. On September 8, 1980, she made her perpetual profession at the Divine Master community in Seoul.

In her sincere search to give herself entirely to the Divine Master, she allowed herself to be formed at the school of the Eucharist, in the mystery that is celebrated and adored, placing herself at the service of the needs of the mission and of the communities. She then returned to Rome, Italy, for service at the Vatican *Souvenir* shops and to participate in the Course of Formation on the Pauline Charism (2006-2007).

In Korea she held some roles in governance: Regional Councilor (1991 – 1994) and Local Superior in Seoul and in Masan, at various times between 1991 and 2003.

A sister very precise in her service to the community, she was, unfortunately, tested in her health: in 2008 she underwent surgery for carcinoma of the thyroid. In order to provide adequate care for her health, which was progressively compromised, she was admitted to a geriatric hospital of Hyosung, near the community of Seoul. This made it

possible to have the fraternal accompaniment that relieved the illness. The prayer and the presence of the sisters were the balm that consoled and comforted her.

In this Jubilee year of her religious profession, the 50th anniversary was celebrated this past March 24, Jesus Master drew her to himself, inviting her to the Eternal Wedding Feast that the liturgy renews: *Veni sponsa Christi, accipe coronam, quam tibi Dominus, praeparavit in aeternum.* (Come, bride of Christ, accept the crown that the Lord has prepared for you in eternity).

And from the glory of your Lord, Sr. M. Josephina, accompany the journey of the Chapter that we are about to begin in the grace of the Centennial of Foundation.

Sr. M. Michaela Honeth'