



Today, March 14, 2017, at 8:45 AM (local time) in the infirmary of the Divine Master Community in Antipolo (Philippines), the Lord called to the eternal Passover our sister

**SR. M. LUCIA EDITA ROSALES**  
**BORN ON JULY 10, 1943, AT PALO, LEYTE-PHILIPPINES.**

Edita entered the Congregation in Pasay City on March 31, 1957, in the rented house at the beginning of our presence in the Philippines. She came from a large family of five brothers and three sisters, whose education required much sacrifice and commitment on the part of her parents, given the precarious economic conditions of the country. At the same time this experience, fostered within her family, formed her in solidarity, sharing, and sensitivity toward others.

After a regular novitiate, the first for the Philippines, she made her religious profession on March 25, 1961, in Pasay City, and her perpetual profession on March 25, 1966, in Antipolo.

Following her religious profession, she spent a period of time in the Pasay City community as assistant to the aspirants. She then went to the Pauline house of Makati, to the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Manila, and principally rendered her service in embroidery in the house of Antipolo. This was an activity for which she had a special talent.

Some periods were also spent in the completion of her cultural and religious formation, given the young age at which she entered the Congregation.

In 1983, she was appointed local superior of our community working at the novitiate of the SSP in San Fernando, Pampanga. It was a new presence, and, with the fervor of the beginnings, she offered her attentive and responsible care.

She had a brother, a Pauline priest, who preceded her to the Father's House. She always accompanied him with prayer, also in the illness that afflicted him as he was exercising his ministry in a diocese in the USA. It was for this reason that she took a leave of absence from the Congregation.

From 1993 until 2006 she was a missionary in the delegation of Ireland, where she offered her contribution in various apostolic activities. Sr. M. Lucia was characterized by an evangelical littleness that enabled her to rejoice in the smallest things, a joy she also communicated to the people around her. Certainly, this was the fruit of her communion with Jesus Master, in whom she grew assiduously in her prayer life, with love for the Word of God by which she nourished her spirit, and adored his Presence. The events in the family and their needs were not extraneous to her life, her prayer, her offering – especially in suffering. Included in her offering and intercessions were the priests and vocations.

After her mission in Ireland, she returned to the Philippines in 2006, at which time the breast cancer reappeared. It was first discovered in 1991 and, at that time, she had been healed. She spent the last years of her life in the infirmary of the Divine Master House in Antipolo in prayer. Last year, the cancer metastasized to the bones, and then to the liver. During the first week of February, she was hospitalized for pulmonary edema and pneumonia. To the Provincial Superior, Sr. M. Gemma Victorino, she expressed the desire to return to the community, and spent her last days awaiting the Lord's coming. Already comforted by the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, this morning after the morning Mass, surrounded by the prayers of the community and the loving presence of her family, Sr. M. Lucia went to meet the Lord Jesus transfigured in glory.

Sr. M. Lucia, as you direct us to the eternal Passover during this Lenten season, bring to the Blessed Trinity all the hopes we have in our hearts for the upcoming 9th General Chapter! Rest in peace.

*S. H. Paolo Hancin*