



Dear Sisters,

Yesterday, April 26, 2019, at Muller Hospital in Mangalore (India), at 11:30 PM (local time), the Risen Christ met, and definitively called to himself, his disciple

SR. M. JUDITH – VINCELINE MASCARENHAS
born on July 28, 1961, in Adyapadi (Karnataka) - India.

Vinceline entered the Congregation in Mumbai on June 22, 1980. Almost twenty years of age, she was ready to follow the Divine Master generously and joyfully. Raised in a deeply Christian family, she is the youngest, with one brother and 4 sisters, two of whom are religious sisters in the congregation of the *Servants of the Poor*. Following initial formation, she made her religious profession in Bangalore on August 15, 1984, and her perpetual profession on August 26, 1990, also in Bangalore.

The evaluations for admission to the various stages of formation underscore her generosity and promptness, her docility and willingness to accept help, and her desire to make progress. She is also sociable and happy in her vocation and mission. She is a young woman who is trustworthy and in whom there is much potential. In her request for admission to the perpetual profession she confirms her desire to follow Jesus Master according to the specific charism and, thus, definitively to become a member of the Congregation she loves.

Sr. M. Judith offered her services in various communities: especially in the sewing and embroidery workrooms or in the priestly houses in the various regions of India, from North to South. Currently she was the local superior in the community of Mysore, Mother Scholastica House, which is also the location of the novitiate. Her witness as a person totally committed, her great sense of responsibility, order and her spirit of sacrifice was formative for the young women, struck by this mysterious call from God.

The witness of the sisters from India regarding her:

«Sr. M. Judith was a person of fervent prayer, with special devotion to the Eucharist and to the Virgin Mary. She distinguished herself for her fidelity to community prayer and personal prayer. A person of few words, she was serene and gentle. She was characterized by her availability and generosity, sensitivity to the needs of the sisters and hospitable. With a spirit of sacrifice, she dedicated herself to the mission entrusted to her with enthusiasm and self-forgetfulness.

In August of 2014, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, after which she underwent chemotherapy and the various treatments. In these days, Sr. M. Judith was visiting her family in Mangalore when she was admitted to the hospital for a viral infection. Then the unexpected news arrived that she had gone to meet the heavenly Bridegroom».

As the liturgy of the Octave of Easter has us meet the Risen Christ as he reveals himself to the women, to his disciples who are slow to believe, today, with the unexpected call to eternal life of Sr. M. Judith, he reveals himself to us, to our community of Disciples, to remind us that he is the Absolute in our life and we must continue to accept his invitation: «*Come and follow me*». He is in need of our complete dedication to him, filled with faith and love, in every stage of life. Sr. M. Judith, obtain this totality of love for Jesus Master and for the mission, especially for the young women in formation, for every sister in the Congregation, for every member of the Pauline Family, especially in India and throughout Asia!

S. H. Paolo Mancini