



Dear Sisters,

We received the news that today, January 5, 2020, at 5:30 AM, in the community of Asirbhavan-Bannerghetta - Bangalore (India), the Lord Jesus called to himself our sister

**SR. M. NESA - JOSEPHINE KANIKASWAMY
born on October 21, 1957 in Bangalore (India).**

Josephine entered the Congregation on June 29, 1975, in Mumbai. After the initial formation and novitiate, she made her first profession on August 15, 1979 in Mumbai and her perpetual profession in Bangalore on August 15, 1985. In the various presentations, it is affirmed that she possesses a spirit of prayer, love for Jesus Master, [love for] the apostolates; she is generous and industrious, demonstrates interest and develops her talents. She is of good character and makes an effort to accept each person. Also in her requests for admission [to the various stages] she manifests that she has experienced the joy of belonging to Jesus Master in this life of prayer and of active silence.

She began her apostolic mission after the religious profession: in 1986 in Bangalore DM fulfilling various duties; in 1989 in the ceramics workshop in Mumbai; in 1995 in Rome as a student in the charism course and for updating in ceramics; in 1996 she was once again in the ceramics workshop in Mumbai; in 1999 in Chennai fulfilling various duties. In 2001, for about nine years, she was in New Delhi at the Apostolic Nunciature working in the Archives. In 2009 she was the Local Superior in the community of Bangalore, and in 2012 she was in the workroom at Mysore. In 2014 she was in Bangalore DM in the artistic workshop and in 2015 in Mumbai in the art workshop. Since 2017 she was at Dindigul, in the Jesuit house that welcomes elderly priests, and on April 19, 2018, she was appointed superior of our community rendering service there. Unfortunately, after some months she suffered a stroke due to high arterial blood pressure that caused a paralysis so devastating that it rendered her incapable of any activity and requiring continual care and assistance. Despite the surgical intervention and the various treatments, she failed to regain consciousness and, therefore, Sr. M. Nesa lived for over a year in a state of severe infirmity.

The Provincial Superior of India, Sr. Rose Mary Muttasseril, described some of the characteristics of her personality:

- She was an ardent lover of Jesus the Divine Master, whom she faithfully adored as a Pious Disciple. She was a simple person of prayer, caring and kind. She attracted both young and old to Jesus Master through her spiritual guidance.
- She was very devoted to the Virgin and Mother Mary, not only by zealously praying to her but also by desiring to visit her sanctuaries to fix her image in her heart and in her eyes in order to reproduce her image through her art and sculpture.
- She was gifted with an artistic sense, with attention to the various art forms and to music. She desired to communicate Jesus through her artistic talents. She took special care of the

floral art at the service of the Liturgy. At Christmas she committed herself to preparing artistic Nativity scenes in the chapels and churches.

- She always rendered her apostolic service in the various communities in total self-giving and in joy.

May the life of Sr. Mary Nesa Kanikaswamy be like a light that brightens us with her luminous personality. May she continue to shine forever before the heavenly Bridegroom, interceding for the Province of India, for the entire Pauline Family, for an increase in good and holy vocations!

Now, on the vigil of the Solemnity of the Epiphany, in which we are invited to adore the Lord Jesus in whatever manner he reveals himself, we entrust her confidently to the Divine Master!

S. H. Paolo Mancini