



*Dearest Sisters,*

On 26 February 2021, in the first hours of the morning, during the participation in the Eucharist, Jesus, our Master and Lord, called to himself in a definitive way his disciple and our sister

**SR. M. NANCY – SEVARENE NANCY CRASTA**  
**born on 13 November 1969 at Padukone – Karnataka (India).**

Sr. M. Nancy comes from a deeply religious family. Her parents, both deceased, Philip Rosario and Lewis Margarita, welcome her as a gift from God. She is the fifth of eight children: with her, six brothers and a sister. The joy of having a brother, Vincent, a priest of the diocese of Mangalore accompanies and supports her religious life as a Pious Disciple of the Divine Master.

On June 18, 1986, in her twenties, she left her family and entered the Congregation in Mumbai to join the group of young aspirants. She completed her novitiate in Bangalore, she made her first profession on January 5, 1992 and her perpetual profession on February 10, 1998.

Sr. M. Nancy was a person of simplicity and profound faith. Her spirit of prayer and sacrifice is extraordinary. Her devotion to the Blessed Eucharist, her fidelity to the Eucharistic Visitation and her spirit of intercession before the Blessed Sacrament were witnessed by all the sisters in the communities where she lived.

She always had a simple and serene smile that attracted everyone and made them feel at home with her. She was a grateful hearted person; and she thanked everyone even for a small act of kindness that was done to her. Before her perpetual profession, Sr. M. Nancy wrote to the Provincial Superior: *“I have loved the life of prayer since my childhood and I had a deep desire to be formed in the school of Jesus Master. It was my prayer life that gave me joy in my religious vocation and mission. Religious vows allow me to love and serve everyone joyfully without distinction and to be a happy religious. The Congregation is my family and I am ready to do everything for it. I feel happy to belong to the Pauline Family and I will cherish it for all my life with gratitude and love”*.

In March 2004, while serving at the CCBI secretariat in New Delhi, she was diagnosed with blood cancer and was taken to Mumbai to receive necessary treatment. She responded positively to all treatments and recovered. During her illness he wrote to Mother M. Paola Mancini, then her superior general, thanking her for her prayers and closeness: *“I am improving in health; the love of Jesus and Mary, his mother, give me serenity. I am praying a lot for your intentions and if there are any particular intentions, please let me know: I will gladly pray for this, as an apostolate of prayer and suffering. I pray for the conversion of sinners, for the renewal of the Congregation and growth in the apostolate. The sisters take care of me so lovingly: night and day they help me and are always by my side. And you too, take care of your health: take care! ”*.

She recovered her health and was sent to the communities of Mumbai, Mangalore and, recently, Goa.

She always participated with joy in the daily celebration of the Eucharist. This morning while she was going, with the community, to the Parish Church for the Holy Mass, she asked Sister M. Zita, local Superior who was with her, to pray together the *Memorare* (Remember O gracious Virgin), the prayer of entrustment to our Lady of St. Bernard, reciting it with great devotion. Then the Holy Mass began, during the proclamation of the first reading, she felt ill. She was immediately taken to the community and, from there, urgently, she reached the hospital. Unfortunately, they could not help but ascertain the death of her, caused by a serious heart attack.

We entrust Sr. M. Nancy to God's mercy so that she can welcome her into the Eternal Dwelling to continue the eternal Adoration, with all angels and saints.

Sr. M. Michaela Honeth'