



Dear Sisters,

On March 27, 2021, in the middle of the night, the Lord knocked on the door of life, calling to himself definitively our sister

SR. M. SANDRA-MARÍA IGNACIA GARCÍA CRUZ
born on February 1, 1952, in Santa Cruz – Michoacán (Mexico).

María Ignacia, the second of ten children, was brought to the baptismal font on February 12 and, from that font, thanks also to the religious education she received from her parents, Juan García Delgado and Amparo Cruz Carmona, her Christian life grew and matured day by day until her religious consecration as a Sister Disciple of the Divine Master.

On December 22, 1967, she entered the Congregation in the Divine Master community in Mexico City, thus beginning her formation in the religious life. On December 7, 1971, she entered the novitiate and made her first profession on December 8, 1972 in Mexico City. On December 8, 1978, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, she made her perpetual profession in the same community.

During these years, she received her diploma in accounting and in theology. She was entrusted with some apostolic responsibilities: in the sewing workroom, in the DM community in Mexico, in Monterrey, Guadalajara, at various times over the years. She loved the priestly apostolate which she carried out in the communities of the Society of St. Paul and also in her service in the Liturgical Apostolate Centers. For some terms, she also served as the local superior in the communities of: DM Mexico City, DM Guadalajara, Madre Tecla in Guadalajara, San Paolo in Mexico City.

On December 18, 2009, our sister, M. Sandra, requested permission to care for her elderly and infirm parents. She assisted her mother until her death on April 7, 2018, and then continued to care for her father. She was infected with Covid-19 while in the family and immediately hospitalized in the Mexican Institute of Previdenza Sociale, of Morelia, in delicate, but stable condition. On March 26 complications arose and her situation worsened. She died on Saturday, March 27, due to viral pneumonia which caused acute respiratory insufficiency. Sr. M. Sandra, aware of the gravity of her

health, expressed to her family her desire to be buried in the cemetery of the Congregation to be reunited with those she had chosen for her entire life.

The sisters of the Mexican Province remember Sr. M. Sandra as a silent and serene sister who transmitted peace, and with whom it was easy to live. She was happy in the communities to which she was assigned, always attentive, available and solicitous to collaborate in the mission and the daily building of fraternal relationships. She was not complicated: she was simple with herself and in dealing with others. She maintained her sense of belonging to the community and returned to spend some weeks among the sisters whenever she could, exercising the apostolate with dedication and joy.

During her initial formation, her formators recall that she was constant in expressing her intention to grow spiritually until full conformity with Christ, assuming her daily tasks with responsibility and diligence and caring deeply for her Eucharistic life.

In 1971, during her novitiate, she wrote: *I am happy that I entered into the Congregation of the Sister Disciples and my desire is to do the good that will be possible for me.*

We desire to receive the sign of the death of Sr. M. Sandra as an Easter message: entering into the Great and Holy Week, we are to follow, step by step, Jesus Master toward the full and joyful Life he has come to offer us in superabundance. May she, who is already participating in the Easter Light, guard and protect the communities of the Province of Mexico, the Pauline Family, and her family by giving comfort to her father, Juan.

Sr. M. Michaela Moneth'