



Dear Sisters,

On Sunday, June 6, in the heart of the night, at 2:00 AM, in the Divine Master community of Mexico City, the Lord Jesus came as the Bridegroom to call to himself definitively his disciple and our sister

**SR. M. DOLORES – JOSEFINA RODRÍGUEZ MENDOZA
born on June 26, 1940 in Villa Morelos, Michoacán (Mexico).**

Brought to the baptismal font on June 29, 1940, on the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, she received the name Guillermina Josefina. She was the youngest of nine children: two brothers and seven sisters. Her sister, Maria Esther, who at profession took the name of Sr. M. Lourdes Rodríguez Mendoza († 2000), preceded her in entering the Congregation by some years.

Drawn to religious life, at twenty years of age she entered among the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master on May 1, 1960, three years after her older sister, in the Divine Master house in Mexico City. Upon completing the novitiate, she made her first profession on March 25, 1963 and her perpetual profession on March 25, 1968, both in the Divine Master house in Mexico City. Her formators presented her as a young woman who understood the value of prayer and the specific vocation within the Pauline Family, even though she did not enjoy good health.

She fulfilled the Eucharistic, Priestly and Liturgical mission with generosity and love as she accepted the various duties in different places. She collaborated in the priestly ministry in the Society of St. Paul in Mexico City: from 1969 to 1971. She returned there from 1984 to 1987 as Coordinator for our community in service there. From 1989 to 1990 she was in the Provincial House of the Society of St. Paul, always in Mexico City, as Coordinator of the community. From 1991 to 1993 she was transferred to the city of Guadalajara in the community of the Society of St. Paul to continue this collaboration.

For many years she was in the embroidery workroom: from 1971-1972 at the Divine Master House in Mexico City, and then until 1975 in Monterrey, also collaborating in the Liturgical Apostolate Center. The following year she returned to Mexico City to continue working in the embroidery. From 1977 to 1978 she was transferred to the city of Guadalajara at the Divine Master community to exercise her mission in the Litur-

gical Apostolate Center. From 1983-1991, in various times, she continued the mission in embroidery at the Divine Master House in Mexico City. From 1993 to 2002 she collaborated in the embroidery in the Divine Master community and Madre Tecla community in Guadalajara. From 2002-2012 she was asked to continue her collaboration in the Blessed Timothy Giaccardo community in Aguascalientes.

Sr. M. Dolores distinguished herself for her intense love for prayer and for the mission of the Sister Disciple. The major part of her life was dedicated to embroidery and the designing of ornamentation for the decorum, the beauty and the dignity of the liturgical celebrations. Her hands were able to grasp the signs and symbols of the eternal realities to which we are called to live as baptized persons, and she transmitted this ability in the joy and responsibility of collaboration in the mission entrusted to her. She fulfilled the apostolate with a smile, serenely, through her interior life as a disciple and through her relationship with the Divine Spouse.

In 2008 she was diagnosed with hypertension associated with heart failure, a disease that was declared chronic and for which she received continual medical treatments. Later, in 2020, she underwent emergency surgery for intestinal problems, which had permanent debilitating consequences. In these final weeks she manifested concerning symptoms which they sought to address with adequate medical care. Unfortunately, during the night of June 6, the situation declined rapidly and she died of a heart attack.

The sister who accompanied her in her final moments testified that Sr. M. Dolores was always conscious and profoundly thanked the sisters, the community and the entire Congregation for all the good she had received.

Let us entrust our sister to the mercy of the Lord Jesus and trust that she may be an interceding presence for the Province of Mexico, and especially for the meeting for Ongoing Formation that is taking place online on the Congregational level.

Sr. M. Michaela Monetti