



Dear Sisters,

As the day of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart was coming to an end, yesterday June 11, 2021, in the DM community of Guadalajara (Mexico), at 8:10 PM, Jesus Master visited and definitively called to himself his disciple and our sister

SR. M. YVETTE – M. ELENA SÁNCHEZ GONZÁLEZ
born on June 6, 1957 in San Miguel Taimeo, Michoacán (Mexico)

The second of ten children, she was brought to the baptismal font a few days after her birth, on June 10, 1957, and received the name María Elena. Her vocation matured in a united and Christian family. She entered the Congregation on August 3, 1974, in the Divine Master community in Mexico City and, ten years later, her sister, Sr. M. Alba, followed the same path. Upon completion of the formative itinerary, after the novitiate she made her religious profession on August 15, 1980, in the Divine Master community in Mexico City. Later, having matured and consolidated the call of Jesus Master, she made her perpetual profession on August 8, 1989, in the Parrocchia di Santa Cruz [Holy Cross Parish], Michoacán.

In the course of her life she carried out various ministries with generosity, love and responsibility. She collaborated in the priestly apostolate at the houses of the Society of St. Paul in Mexico City and in Guadalajara in various times: in 1981; from 1989-1990 and from 2006 to 2010. In 1998 she was asked to accompany the Pauline candidates as a teacher in the seminary. Finally, from 2010-2015 she offered her precious service in the Casa Damasco – Mexico City –, a diocesan setting for priests in difficulty.

Skilled in embroidery, from her first years in religious life she gave her contribution in the workrooms at the service of the Liturgical Apostolate: in 1982 and 1987 in the Divine Master house in Mexico City; in 1991, in Monterrey and again from 2003 to 2006. She collaborated in the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Monterrey N. L. from 1984-1985; from 1996 to 1997 she was transferred to the City of Aguascalientes and from 2001 to 2003, in the Madre Lucia community, she collaborated in the Liturgical Apostolate Center of "Passaggio della Cattedrale" in Mexico City.

From 2015 to 2021, she requested permission from the General Government to be absent from the community to care for her mother, who was elderly and sick.

Since the first years of formation, from her writings and from the witness of her formators, she had a marked love for her vocation as a Sister Disciple. She sought to put it into practice by living to the best of her ability and corresponding to what she was gradually assimilating.

She had a personality that was strong, tenacious, committed to fulfilling her proposals or what was asked of her, together with serious work on herself that was also sustained by a spirit of prayer and trust in God's grace.

In 1987 she wrote a thought in which she summarizes the itinerary of the life of a disciple: «*Since the saving grace of God has been manifested to me, I strongly and considerably want to renew my commitment with the Lord in the Congregation of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master, making more intense and constant my search for sanctification, fighting against every adversity and replacing it with humility, and thus assume the duties of my vocation with love and responsibility*».

In the last months, as she was with her family and caring for her mother, she experienced pain and problems in the stomach and her left arm. From the first medical studies, she was diagnosed with diffuse metastasis: cancer of the liver, of the bones, and of the colon. Having begun chemotherapy, she faced this with great confidence, in the hope of recovery.

In this moment, she lucidly wrote to the Mother General, Sr. M. Micaela Monetti, to express her situation: «*The Divine Master has looked upon me and asked me to make a new experience in the apostolate of suffering and the pain of sickness: cancer of the liver. With the faith and hope of recovering, I can only say yes to his will, offering it for the many situations in the world, our Congregation, and the communities*».

Sr. M. Yvette remained optimistic and positive during her treatment, expressing the desire to live and to continue in her vocation and mission. Surrounded by the community, comforted by the sacraments, with the blessing of her mother and her sisters, Sr. M. Alba and Ana, who were present, she serenely expired.

In gratitude for the serene witness of Sr. M. Yvette in her illness, we ask her to remember us before the Divine Master and his most tender Mother Mary, whose Immaculate Heart we celebrate today.

Sr. M. Micaela Monetti