



Dear Sisters,

On September 6, 2021, at 6:05 PM, the Divine Master invited our Sister from the DM Community in Częstochowa (Poland) to the heavenly banquet

**SR. M. ŁUCJA – ZENOBIA KRUSIŃSKA
born on December 16, 1933 in Wilhemów (Poland).**

Zenobia is the first of the six children of Stanisław and Weronika Krusińscy, the parents in a family of farmers, rich in faith and devotion to the Virgin Mary. On January 15, 1934, she was baptized in Saint Michael the Archangel Church in Umien (diocese of Włocławek); where she also received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Her family home was located near the Marian Sanctuary of Licheń, a place that was well known and frequented for prayer also by Zenobia, since her childhood.

Deciding to discern which religious institute to enter to respond to the Lord's call, she went to the Sanctuary of Jasna Góra and remained in prayer before the Madonna. There she met the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master and entered the Congregation in Częstochowa on March 18, 1952, three weeks before the day on which the first Polish sisters made their religious profession after the Second World War. She was one of the first novices of the canonical novitiate in Poland. As her companions recall, she was an intelligent student. Among them she was able to remember the content of the lessons best. She very much enjoyed the school of asceticism and sought to put into practice what she learned. She made her religious profession on March 25, 1955 in Częstochowa, and her perpetual profession on March 25, 1960.

Although the community did not own a car yet, in December of 1956 she was the first of the Polish sisters to obtain a drivers license for cars and motorcycles. Thus Sr. M. Łucja was able to go by motorcycle or by bicycle to the workers in the job site to follow the construction of the house in Częstochowa.

She completed a culinary course with the Ursuline Sisters at Pniewy in 1960. She enjoyed cooking and, in the kitchen, she had a special gift: like none other she was able to create something from nothing, in a time in which products were scarce. Discrete and creative, she was able to act so that no one was aware that something was missing. She worked as a cook in the rectory of the parish of Częstochowa Raków, as well as in the Pauline houses (SSP). With the passage of the years, she helped in the kitchen as she was able, but also embroidered vestments and stoles for as long as her physical energy permitted. She always had a specific intention: for the sanctification of missionary priests. The prayer of the rosary also had an important role in her life. Like many other sisters, she dedicated a great deal of time to this

prayer: making rosaries by hand, intertwining the beads with the wire, on her lips and in her heart she repeated the invocation: Hail, Mary....

She also fulfilled numerous roles of responsibility as Local Superior – in Częstochowa (1973-1979 and 1979-1982), in Piastow (1983-1986) and in Lublin DM (1992-1995) – and as Regional Councilor (1976-1982). She was appointed Novice Mistress in a very difficult time, as Poland was fighting for survival under martial law. Sr. M. Łucja was both a resourceful and inventive person. She cared for the house and the persons with great responsibility. She never burdened others in this decisively difficult situation.

One of her novices wrote: *I remember her as a person who was just, impartial, dedicated, sensitive to beauty and attentive to the spiritual life of the novices. I appreciated her for the fact that she was capable of telling me the truth, even when it was difficult. I asked her to tell me about herself and listening to her was very edifying for me, as a novice. Sr. Łucja always sought to simplify the things and taught us to use common sense in everything, especially in resolving problems. She was also happy to share her personal experience of the spiritual life and she rejoiced in the progress of her novices. At times, speaking with other sisters, you could hear in her words the pride of a mother for her children. I am very grateful for this time and for the example I received in the novitiate from Sr. Łucja: she left an indelible impression on my life.*

Recently Sr. M. Łucja became very weak and she was hospitalized this past August 18 to undergo suitable treatment. After her discharge from the hospital, her condition remained precarious, it continued to worsen until her death. The Lord called her to himself in the moment in which, in our house of Częstochowa, the sisters were making their annual retreat: thus Sr. M. Łucja left surrounded by abundant prayers. Rest in peace, dear Sister, welcomed by the Virgin Mary and presented by her to the throne of the Most High God!

Sr. M. Michaela Honeth'