



*Dear Sisters,*

On September 30, 2021, from the DM Community of Mexico City (Mexico), at 12:45 PM, Jesus Master invited to the heavenly banquet our sister

**SR. M. MARTINA – MARÍA CARMEN GARCÍA MAGAÑA  
born in Villa Morelos, Michoacán, on December 19, 1941.**

María Carmen is the firstborn of twelve children - 5 brothers and 7 sisters - who thanks to Christian parents, was educated in the faith and the simple values of life.

Baptized on January 1, 1942, she entered the Congregation on February 10, 1959, in the Divine Master Community, Mexico City. There, on March 24, 1962, she entered the novitiate and then on March 25, 1963 she made her First Profession, and on March 25, 1968, her Perpetual Profession, always in the Divine Master house in Mexico City.

After profession, she was sent to the San Paolo house in Mexico City, for priestly ministry, and then, in six different periods of her life, in the various priestly houses in the Mexican Province. With the same determination and enthusiasm that had always characterized her, she generously fulfilled her service, investing the gifts she had received in the kitchen and in the liturgical apostolate. She demonstrated a willingness for collaboration and this prepared her mind and heart for the service in foreign lands, specifically in Rome at the Souvenir Centers at St. Peter's from 1988 until 2003.

Upon her return from Rome, inserted in the Mexican Province, she collaborated generously in the sewing workroom, with responsibility and diligence, just as she fulfilled all that was entrusted to her.

Sr. M. Martina is characterized by her intense love for the prayer and the mission of the Sister Disciple. In the community life she was serene and welcoming, which fostered a climate of harmony around her. She possessed a natural creativity that was reflected in her daily life and in the fulfillment of her apostolate.

It was normal to see her smiling serenely, a manifestation of her interior life as a disciple and her relationship with the Divine Master. The priests of the Society of St. Paul remember her as a sister with a simple gaze, filled with love for God and for her vocation.

In 2013, her health began to worsen due to peripheral venous insufficiency, which gradually compromised her health. She was given the appropriate treatments for her

case, however, the improvement was very slow leading to the formation of sores, which healed and reopened frequently. Later, in 2019, she was diagnosed with acute anemia which, although treated, did not show significant improvement.

Despite her critical health situation, she always sought to participate in community events, in the sharing, in the Eucharist, and at meals: moments that helped her to be in constant contact with the sisters in the community.

Due to a complication in her general clinical picture, last September 22, Sr. M. Martina was hospitalized at the Ospedale San Agustín in Mexico City. She received medical treatment for the illness and the consequent physical weakness. On September 28 she returned to the community where she was cared for by her sister, Sr. M. Guadalupe García Magaña, and the sisters of the community.

The decline was progressive and rapid and, on the morning of September 30, her respiration decreased until it stopped completely. In her encounter with the Divine Master, she was accompanied by the prayers and the songs of the sisters of the community and of the postulants who greeted her definitively with tears but grateful for her witness of a full life as a Sister Disciple of the Divine Master.

Sr. M. Martina, you made prayer for religious and priestly vocations, especially for our religious family, the constant commitment of your life, continue to intercede with Jesus Master for the gift of new and generous calls. To you we also entrust the celebration of the Council of the Institute that will begin soon: from Heaven watch over us and intercede for us!

*Sr. M. Micaela Planeth'*