



Dear Sisters,

On Sunday, October 20, 2024, at the Hospital Santissima Trinità, in Guadalajara Jal. (Mexico), at 8:48 AM, Jesus Master definitively called to himself our sister

**SR. M. SILVIA – MARIA DE JESÚS MADRIGAL RAMÍREZ**  
**born on April 22, 1946, in Armería, Colima (Mexico)**

On May 8 of the same year, she was baptized in the parish of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe on her native soil. She was the first of three daughters born from the marriage of Víctor Madrigal and his wife, María Ramírez. She was raised in a profoundly Catholic and hard-working family, in which she learned to love God by following his commandments. She came to know the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master and, at sixteen years of age, she entered the Congregation on September 10, 1962, in the Divine Master Community of Mexico City. Young, enthusiastic for having received the call of Jesus Master to the consecrated life as a missionary, she responded joyfully, attracted by the Eucharistic Adoration and the international presence of the Institute. Her desire was to go and evangelize the people in distant lands, such as Japan, Africa, in accordance with the biographies of the saints. Her Pastor introduced her in this manner: «The young woman has optimal and pious habits, frequents the sacraments and manifests the desire to enter into religious life».

She entered the novitiate on March 24, 1964, in the Divine Master House of Mexico City where, on March 25, 1965, she made her religious profession, and on May 1, 1971, her perpetual profession, also in Mexico City.

She fulfilled the Eucharistic-priestly-liturgical mission with generosity and love in various places and times. She worked closely with the formation of the young men aspiring to priestly life, of the clerics and of the priests of the Society of St. Paul in Taxqueña, Mexico, from the beginning of her religious life. She extended this mission to the Casa Alberione which provides for diocesan and religious priests, intensely sustaining this community with the new service of hospitality to priests of every age who are in need of a therapeutic process of physical-spiritual-vocational regeneration.

In 1972, her missionary heart led her to accept, in obedience, a new destination: Caracas, in Venezuela. She remained there for 12 years, until 1984, enthusiastically developing the mission entrusted to her, always distinguishing herself for her generosity and joy in every circumstance of life. Even in the last period, although she had returned to her own country, her prayer was not lacking in intentions for her beloved Venezuela. Her spontaneous personality



fostered the intense collaboration in the communities of the Liturgical Apostolate Center in various periods (1984-1987; 1990-1996).

From 2002 until 2011, she remained with her family to assist her infirm mother, while remaining in close contact with the Congregation, frequenting the spiritual exercises, Provincial assemblies, community vacations and other important activities organized by the Provincial Government.

Upon her reinsertion into the religious community of the Province, she collaborated by assuming various tasks: in the Community Madre Tecla, Guadalajara, (2012-2014), in San Paolo, Taxqueña, Mexico City (2014-2017), Comunità Divin Maestro, San Pedrito, Tlaquepaque, Jal. (2017-2024). In this final period, she was responsible for the kitchen in the *Kairós* program, an activity she continued until the last moments, before leaving for the hospital and undergoing the surgery necessary to resolve the issues caused by the prothesis in the right hip, which had been implanted in 2015. She cared for herself responsibly, aware that it was only in this way that she could undertake the various services entrusted to her, despite the precarious nature of her health. She used all of her energy to fulfill the apostolate efficaciously and her amiable smile distinguished her wherever she went.


Sr. M. Silvia is recalled as a sister endowed with a deep love and sense of belonging to the Congregation. In daily life, she demonstrated a joyful and empathic character that enabled her to fulfill every responsibility entrusted to her with an authentic evangelical spirit. She was a person who was trustworthy, industrious in the projects, and she had a broad vision of the mission of our Congregation.

Last October 10, she was hospitalized for the displacement of the prothesis and an intestinal problem that required surgical intervention. After this, her health situation became progressively more complicated: a pulmonary embolism led to the end of her earthly pilgrimage and she returned to the house of the Father.

On this World Mission Day, the sisters of the Province of Mexico and the sisters who participate in the *Kairós* Program greet Sr. Silvia with profound gratitude for her witness of joy and enthusiasm that she sowed in every detail for them.

May her presence in the Pauline community of Heaven obtain for all joyful perseverance in the vocation to bear witness to the new generations that they may perceive the call to follow Jesus Master more closely.

Rome, October 12, 2024

  
Sr. M. Micaela Monetti