



Dear Sisters,

On Friday, July 18, 2025, in the community of Mumbai DM (India), at 6:30 PM, Jesus the Divine Master definitively called to himself our sister

SR. M. ELOISA - FLAVY MENEZES
born on May 6, 1943, in Mumbai – Maharashtra (India).

The third of four children, on Sunday, May 16, ten days after her birth, the little girl was brought to the baptismal font to receive the great gift of divine filial adoption and, with the faith, became part of the great family of God that is the Church.

On the occasion of her Golden Jubilee of religious profession, she recounted the story of her vocational journey in response to a call that emerged from the depths of her heart: *«I was still in school when my father died. His death provoked a sudden change within me. I began to attend daily Mass and I felt deeply attracted to prayer. I immersed myself completely in the life of the parish, and it was during this time that the desire to become a religious sister was born in my heart. After completing the eighth year of classes, I decided to leave school and look for work. I applied for several interviews, but I was not chosen. At that point, I turned to the Lord in prayer during the Mass and said: "Lord, if you want me to enter the religious life, please grant that I might find work so that I can set aside some money to enter the convent. I cannot depend entirely from my mother. To my surprise, I soon found a job in a medicine factory. I worked there for two years and, during that time, my desire to dedicate my life to God became stronger. I confided in my mother, who told me: "If the Lord is calling you, go ahead. He will provide for us".*

I did not know which congregation to join, since I was only familiar with the Sisters of the Convent of Saint Joseph, where I studied. It was Sr. Pauline, a classmate, who presented me to the Sister Disciples. At the end, I entered with the PDDM Sisters in Bandra».

It was September 24, 1963, when she left her family to undertake the formative journey that would lead to the realization of her call to follow Jesus Master Way, Truth and Life of the world more closely. She was sent to Rome for the novitiate, at the conclusion of which she made her religious profession on March 25, 1966.

She spent the period of temporary vows experiencing the missionary dimension of our life as disciples of Jesus Master, under the gaze of Mary Queen of the Apostles, animated by the apostolic zeal of Saint Paul. A few months after religious profession, she left for Ireland where, in Ballykeeran, she offered her service at the community of the Society of Saint Paul (1966 – 1969). She then left for London, with the same ministry (1969 – 1971). She returned to Rome for some months to prepare for her departure for Zaire, currently the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She made her perpetual profession in Lubumbashi on March 25, 1972.



It was February 13, 1978, when she returned definitively to India, where she was assigned to the community of the Society of Saint Paul in Mumbai. From 1979 to 1986, she offered her service as local superior at the Apostolic Nunciature in New Delhi, a place to which she would later return at various times, also undertaking roles of trust as an archivist. In the priestly community of Mumbai, she was the local superior for two terms and won the esteem and affection of the sisters and the priests for her traits as a consecrated woman. Dedicated to service at the Office of the Episcopal Conference for the Bishops of the Catholic Church in India, she was also able to make use of her international experience from the first years of her religious life.

Sr. M. Eloisa had a sweet voice and always had a beautiful smile. She was kind, simple and deeply devout. A responsible and dedicated woman, Sr. M. Eloisa faithfully carried out the mission entrusted to her. She spent many years outside of her own country, worked closely with the elderly and infirm priests, offering them compassionate care and loving service. She was also known for her ability to prepare delicious food.

Sr. M. Eloisa was greatly appreciated at the Apostolic Nunciature for the commitment and dedication in the Archive of the Nunciature. Her deep knowledge of the procedures of the office and her fluency in the Italian language enabled her to be recalled to the Nunciature in 2017 by the Apostolic Nunzio at that time, Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro. Despite her poor health, she accepted the task with humility and served faithfully until 2020.

Sr. M. Eloisa was a woman of quiet strength, unshakeable faith and profound humility. Her life was a silent offering, marked by dedication, generosity and joyful service both in mission lands and in the ecclesiastical offices. She did not seek recognition, but lived hidden in Christ, incarnating the contemplative and apostolic spirit of our charism. Although her voice was no longer heard, the gentle witness of her life continued to speak, reminding us that holiness is often found not in great gestures, but in daily and constant acts of love.

For almost two years, after a fall, she was bedridden, even though she always expressed the desire to walk again. She appreciated the companionship of the sisters around her. The sisters of the community cared for her with great love and dedication. Her memory was still sharp and she often clearly recalled past events. Even in sickness and suffering, Sr. M. Eloisa never complained. Her serenity bore witness to her profound faith. Her hope in God never wavered and she remained grateful for every service provided for her. She was able to entrust everything to the One who called her by name, every day.

Sr. M. Eloisa often expressed the desire to go to Bangalore, to the Provincial House. In response to her request, the plan was made to bring her to the Holistic Health Center for treatment and then to transfer her to the residence for elderly sisters in Kengeri, which was recently opened. Sr. M. Treasa Sinduraj was assigned to accompany her on the journey from Mumbai to the new destination and their tickets were reserved for July 20.

However, the Lord of Life had another plan for her: a plan of peace and hope. A severe and massive heart attack on July 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM, ended her life. Thus, the Divine Master definitively called her to himself. He found her ready as a faithful disciple and brought her to the dwelling of Heaven, presenting her to the good and merciful Father.

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