



Dear Sisters,

Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 11:15 PM, at Eunpyeong St. Mary's Hospital, Catholic University of Korea, the Divine Master called to eternity our sister

SR. M. TIMOTEA – HYE KYUNG KANG
born on February 12, 1951, in Seoul (Korea).

As the Korean War fiercely tested life and families, Hye Kyung was born, the third of five children. Hers was a devout family; her parents were kind and profoundly faithful, and on October 3, 1951, they brought her to the baptismal font: thus she entered into the family of the Children of God, receiving the Christian name of Teresa.

Intelligent and passionate from her youth, Teresa observed especially the profound life of faith and prayer of her father, who became a compass, pointing her in the direction for her entire life, so that she was able to personally recognize that God is the center and the greatest value above everything else.

In order to assist her struggling family, Teresa worked and dreamed of marriage, when at 23 years of age she met the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master. On October 1, 1974, she left her family and entered the Divine Master House in Seoul as an Aspirant.

At the conclusion of the regular course of formation to the consecrated life, on May 28, 1978, she made her religious profession and, on March 24, 1984, her perpetual profession in the Divine Master Community in Seoul.

During the Juniorate, she offered her service in the ceramics workshop and began to conduct classes for Liturgy within the Institute. Later, as she was working in the mission at the Liturgical Apostolate Center, she was appointed a catechetical teacher in preparation for the 44th International Eucharistic Congress (1989), and she did her best to guarantee a good outcome for the event. As a member of the organizing committee of the movement "*Un Cuore, Un Corpo*", born in Seoul following the 44th International Eucharistic Congress, she dedicated herself with great zeal to the collection of donations, the promotion of organ donation and the pro-life movement, so that the movement in Korea "*voluntarily might practice a Eucharistic life that was suitable for the descendants of those who had received the spirit of their ancestors, who chose martyrdom rather than wealth and earthly glory*".

She worked in the central warehouse for the apostolate and served as Regional Councilor and Local Superior of the community of Daegu.

She received her diploma in Theology at the Catholic Theological University of Seoul and deepened her studies in various settings. She gave classes in Liturgy to those in formation in the Pauline Family and she dedicated herself to the “Friends of Jesus Master”, to the formation of the members of continuous Eucharistic Adoration and to the formation of the laity in various dioceses.

She successfully completed one year of Missiology – Spirituality Section, at the Urbaniana Pontifical University in Rome, receiving the diploma on November 6, 1991.

After undergoing surgery for breast cancer in 2014, she focused on her health, dedicating herself in the meantime to the reconstruction of the history of the Korean Province. Later she was fulfilling various services in the DM community of Seoul. In April of 2025, she was diagnosed with stage 4 rectal cancer that had metastasized to the lungs. She underwent chemotherapy but, seeing that it had little effect, she interrupted the treatment and began to treat herself using natural remedies. Despite everything, on May 15 she was hospitalized due to strong pains at Eunpyeong St. Mary's Hospital. On June 8, she was transferred to the terminal care department where she prepared for her definitive “yes” to God.

Despite her strong and quick-tempered character, this sister was always faithful to her life of prayer; she repented, asked forgiveness for her mistakes and was always faithful to the tasks entrusted to her.

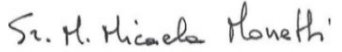
The sisters of the community who lived with her remember Sr. Maria Timotea as she silently washed the dishes and faithfully assured the dedication to the nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration. The lay persons who knew her remember her as a person who listened in silence to their stories and prayed for them. When they received the news of her illness, many lay persons offered her comfort, encouragement and donations. Priests and religious visited her to share old memories and to encourage her to give a wonderful response to God.

Sr. M. Timotea Hye-kyung Kang, you left us bearing witness of an extraordinary faith. Despite the stabbing pains, your mind remained lucid and your smile constant, expressing profound gratitude until the last moment.

You manifested the intention to offer your life for the world, for the Church and for our Congregation, drawing strength from the constant presence and support of the religious family.

We are certain that Sr. M. Timotea, who always sought to live in the presence of God and to be a true disciple of Jesus Master in his school, now enjoys the joy of Heaven. From there she will continue to be an efficacious intercessor for all of us and for the entire world.

Rome, July 13, 2026


Sr. M. Micaela Monetti