



*"Faith in the resurrection
opens up fraternal communion
beyond the threshold of death ...".
(RoL 24)*



Today, 14 January 2021 at 15.30 (local time)
at Pompeia Hospital, Caxias do Sul/RS (Brazil), our sister

Sr NAIR MANTOAN

returned to the Father's House.

She was 79 years old and 56 years of Religious Life.

"Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture". The psalmist's words from today's liturgy express Sr Nair's belonging to Jesus Good Shepherd whom she has loved and followed.

Sr Nair was born in Presidente Prudente (Sao Paulo) on 3 September 1941 and baptized on 18 October 1941 in the cathedral of the diocese of Presidente Prudente dedicated to St Sebastian. She entered the Congregation on 24 October 1958 in Sao Paulo – Jabaquara where she did the first stage of her formation. She entered the novitiate in Caxias do Sul – San Leopoldo on 1 February 1964; she made her First profession on 2 February 1965 taking the name of Sr Emanuela. Again, in Caxias do Sul, she made her Perpetual profession on 2 February 1970.

Sr Nair has been described as a prayerful sister; active, cheerful, forthright, generous, open, firm and sweet at the same time. She liked order and to do everything well. She was a creative person with a great apostolic heart. Among her various apostolic expressions, emerged her dedication for the life of children manifested through the alternative treatments of natural medicine. She shared the knowledge acquired of alternative medicine through courses that favoured the poorest. She had the gift of accompanying people in times of bereavement, offering them the consolation of faith. From 1965 to 1975, she worked as a driver for the community and the school in Caxias do Sul with generosity and responsibility.

Sr Nair carried out her pastoral ministry in the following communities: after her Perpetual profession in Caxias do Sul – San Leopoldo. In 1975 in Canela and in 1980 in Porto Alegre where she engaged in some studies. In 1981, she returned to Caxias do Sul – San Leopoldo. From 1982, in Vera Cruz do Oeste. While in 1984, she was in Terceira Léguas for a time of rest. In 1985, she was in Porto Alegre-Murialdo and from 1986 in Cascavel.

Subsequently, Sr Nair, was engaged in the formation of lay pastoral workers in Pinhais (1992-1994); Porto Alegre (1995); Correia Pinto (1996–2000); Santana do Livramento (2001-2003); Cascavel (2004-2005). From 2006 to 2009, she was in the community of Campo Belo, a mission area with the “Caboclos” Brothers who are mainly descendants of the Arauca natives. From 2010 to 2016, she lived in Santano do Livramento and from 2017 to 2018 in Campo Grande. In 2019, she was a member of the “Divina Pastora” community in Terceira Léguas where she carried out various tasks and made available the skills acquired in alternative medicine. In the year 2020, due to her precarious state of health, she lived in the “Betania” community where she faced the cancer treatment with faith and courage.

We thank the sisters who have shown their loving care for Sr Nair supporting her so that she could face the chemotherapy and all that was needed in her battle against cancer.

We thank the Lord for the life Sr Nair as a Pastorelle Sister, and we entrust her to the Father’s mercy. We ask the intercession of our sister who was particularly sensitive to the care of life, that medicine and vaccines needed to defeat Covid19 may progress speedily and made available to all the peoples of the earth.

*Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puente
Superior General*

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