



## MEMORY OF

***SR. M. REGINALDE KARER, CPS***

who went home to God

11 September 2017

at Mater Hospital, Nairobi

Our Lord called Sr. Reginalde home in the early morning hours of September 11, 2017.

Sr. Reginalde (Theresia) Karer was born on October 21, 1928 in Höhnart, Austria in the Diocese of Linz to Johann and Maria Karer and was baptized on October 22, 1928 and given the name Theresia. Sister Reginalde came from a large family of four girls and three boys all predeceased. She grew up on a large family farm where all the field work and house work were done by hand. As a young girl, she once fell from a highly loaded hay wagon and broke her two hands. While everyone was concerned about a good healing of her hands not much notice was taken of her back pain. After some years this back pain developed severely and eventually she needed an operation, which was successful. However, periods of pain returned many times in her life up to her death.

Sister Reginalde was motivated to enter the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood by her Parish Priest and her own blood sister, Sr. Walburgis, cps. Sister Reginalde entered in Wernberg, Austria on February 3, 1951. In Wernberg, she made her First Profession on May 3, 1953 and pronounced her Final Vows on May 3, 1956.

In July, 1958, she once again followed her elder sister, Sr. Walburgis, cps (+1995) to our East African Province. She was first posted in Riruta, Kenya. From 1958 to 2015 Sister Reginalde served in the house and kitchen of various stations in East Africa – Kifungilo, Sakarani, Lioki, Kiteta, Kalimoni, where she was appointed Superior of the community, and lastly, in Mbitini.

A great sense of responsibility for the work assigned to her as well as performing this work well and on time, was seen in all she did in the various stations to which she was sent. With love, she cared for the wellbeing of the Sisters through her work in the kitchen and the laundry. She took very special care of the washing and ironing of all Church linen. Sister also had an eye for all that needed to be done by the workers, to whom she was generous and kind. Wherever she was, she had a soft heart for all needy people and especially needy students whom she helped with donations from home.

In 2015, Sr. Reginalde retired to the Provincial House, Riruta. As one of the Senior Sisters, she was very faithful to the apostolate of prayer and kept her daily hour of adoration with the Lord in our Chapel. When confined to her room, she spent the time praying the Rosary for all those to whom she promised prayers.

On September 5, 2017, Sister Reginalde fell ill and was admitted to Mater Hospital. On Sunday, September 10, she was visited by our sisters. She was joyful and hoped to soon return to Riruta but God had other plans for her. On Monday September 11, 2017, Sister Reginalde suffered a cardiac arrest and although the medical staff at Mater tried their best, she returned home to the Father.

Sr. Reginalde was a valiant woman, who surrendered her sufferings in union with her Lord relying solely on Him throughout her life. A woman of deep faith, she will be greatly missed by all who were touched by her presence in their lives.

Sister Reginalde, may you now find comfort and peace in the arms of your Lord.

**'BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD; MAY IT BE DONE TO ME  
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD' (Lk. 1:38)**