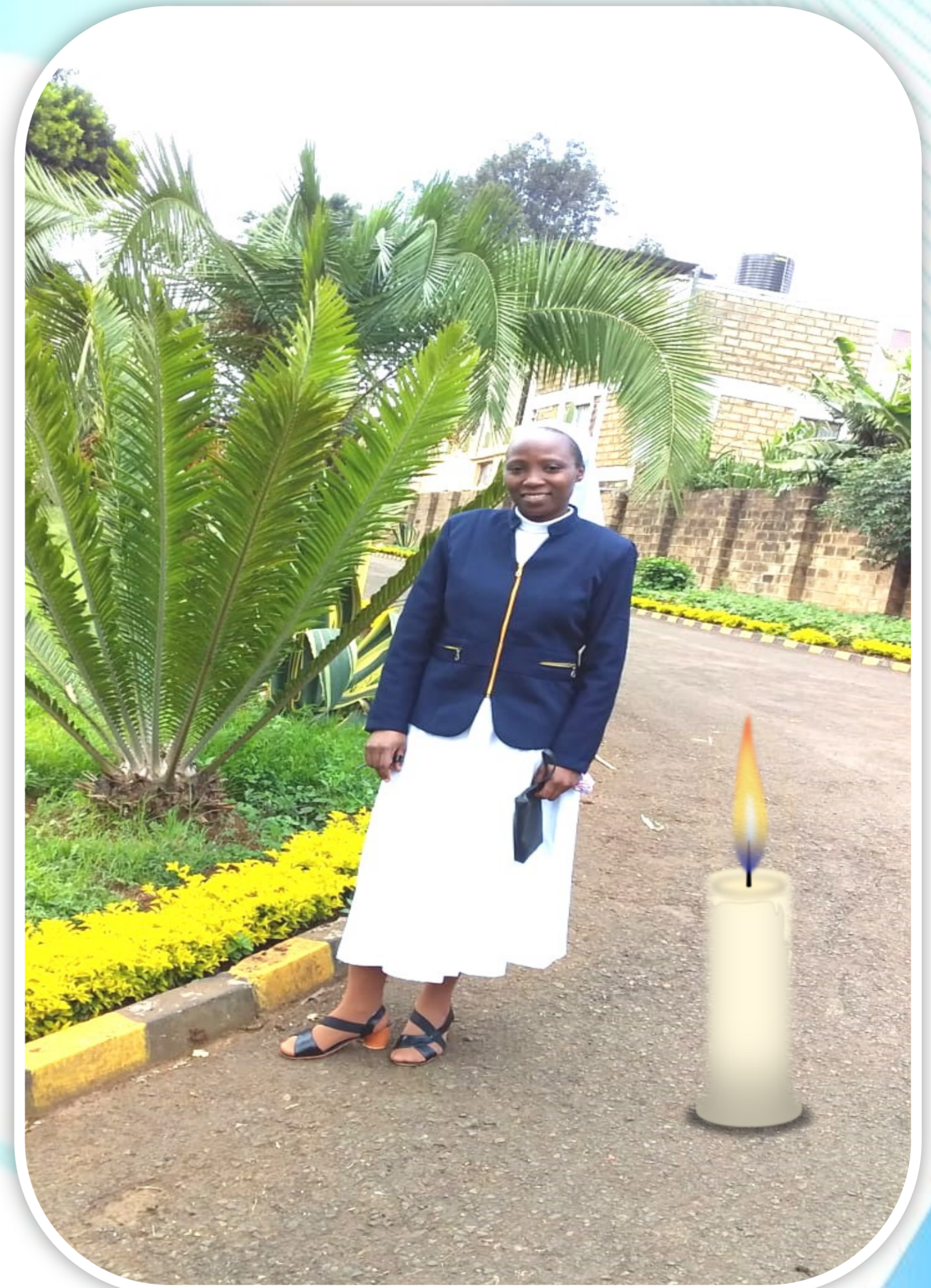


# Celebrating the Life of



“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.  
In my Father's house are many rooms.  
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?  
And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you to myself,  
that where I am you may be also. (Jn. 14:1-3)

Dear Sr. Doreen, may you live eternally in our everlasting home, Amen.



## Sr. Doreen Kawira Boore, NSA

1st Jan 1981 ~ 7th May 2024

Nkabune (NSA Motherhouse) ~ 14th May 2024

## EULOGY OF THE LATE SR. DOREEN KAWIRA BOORE

### FAMILY BACKGROUND

Sr. Doreen Kawira was born on 1st January 1981 in Kiangóndu Village, Tharaka Nithi County. She was the ninth born of eleven children, born to Elias Boore and Rujina Boore. She was sister to Mary Muthoni, late John Mugo, Diana Wanja, Genesio Murithi, Festus Kinyua, late Monica Kangai, Patrick Mutegi, late Rose Kanini, James Micheni, and Kenneth Muteti.

### CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

Kawira was baptized on 25th July 1987 by Rev. Fr. Julius Kathure, at Chuka Catholic Parish, in Meru Diocese, and took the name Doreen. She was given the sacrament of Confirmation on 28th May 1993 at the same Parish by Rt. Rev. Silas Njiru, who was the then Bishop of Meru Diocese. Doreen embraced her Catholic faith fully and remained faithful to this faith throughout her life. Her cousin Kimathi recalls that during her young days, Doreen would attend all the masses on Sundays. Her mother was marveled by this and began to pray that she would join Sisterhood, and obviously this came to pass.

### EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Doreen started her primary education at Kibumbu Primary School from 1986 to 1998. She went for high school in Kiimi Secondary School from 1999 to 2002. She was known to be of good conduct and industrious in school, and very active in games. She was also a reliable House Captain.

In 2011, while in the Congregation, she trained in Early Childhood Development and attained a diploma. Due to health issues, she changed the career and ventured in office work. She took secretarial training at St. Mary's Secretarial College, and attained a diploma in Secretarial Studies. In 2021, she enrolled for a course in Printing Technology and Graphic Design at Sacred Heart Institute of Education in Nyeri, but later transferred to Sagana Technical Training Institute, where she completed this course in July 2023 with a diploma. Throughout her education life, Doreen was industrious and her performance was good.

### BACKGROUND OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

Doreen joined the Congregation of the Nazareth Sisters of the Annunciation on 15th July 2003. She underwent her religious formation well and took her first vows on 8th December 2009. She carried on well and took her final vows on 10th August 2014.

As a professed Sister, Sr. Doreen worked first as a ECDE teacher in three different primary schools: Bishop Bessone (in Nkabune), Stella Maris (in Nkubu), and Our Lady of Annunciation (in Ndekeru). She was quite good with the young ones and enjoyed working with them. Unfortunately, she developed a health condition that was allergic to chalk dust, which eventually led her to change the career. After training in secretarial, she worked in Nazareth Hostel Office, Gitoro Pastoral Centre Office, and in Nazareth Printing Office in Meru Town, which was her last place of work. Before training in ECDE, she had worked as a Matron/Cateress at Bishop Bessone Primary School. Sr. Doreen carried out her religious apostolates with deep commitment and was generally a hardworking Sister.

### WHO WAS SR. DOREEN TO THE NAZARETH SISTERS?

She was a sister who lived her religious life in an ordinary way like the rest of us, keeping true to all that pertains religious life and our Constitution. She was a jovial person, young, and full of life. Her group-mates describe her as a very social person, who had great sense of humour. To them she was so creative, a joy bringer and a story teller. They enjoyed her jokes and her company in general. She loved praise and worship songs, and some of her favourite songs are well known to the group-mates.

Sr. Doreen was a member of the Generalate community, where she was residing as she carried out her apostolate at the printing office. This community describes her as a committed member, who participated fully in community affairs even when she was unwell. She was very supportive of the Local Superior and would go an extra mile to give her a hand whenever she was able to. She was spontaneous in safeguarding and protecting the members of the community.

Sr. Doreen was a very persevering Sister who never publicized her pains. Up until when she had to be hospitalized, she had endured her physical pains silently. You could hardly know she was in pain, because she wore a smile on her face, and asked how she was feeling, she always responded that she was fine.

### WHO WAS SR. DOREEN TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND RELATIVES?

The family describes her as a social person, who interacted well, not only with them but with the larger community as well. She had special qualities of resilience, hard-work, commitment, and love, which crowned her as a virtuous person. To her brother Murithi, Sr. Doreen was the pillar of the family. Despite being one of the youngest sibling, she nevertheless acted like the eldest because she was the point of reference for everyone. They trusted her and sought her counsel. Her departure is a big blow to the family, and the wound of loss will take long to heal.



**Memorable moments with family members**

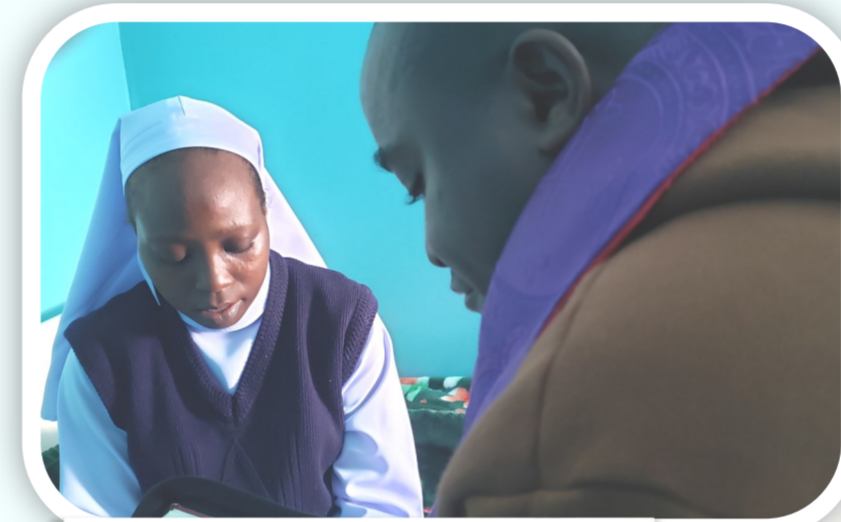


### SICKNESS AND DEMISE

Sr. Doreen had a ENT related condition, but this did not affect her day to day way of life, for she moved about her duties without much strain. It was this condition that made her to change the career, after being advised to do so by the doctor. At that time, she underwent a procedure to address this condition, and she responded well. In March this year, she reported that the problem had recurred and she went to see the specialist. She was put on medication and was also told that that she may undergo another procedure in due course. While on medication, she went for home leave as she prepared to take a transfer to a new assignment. It was while she was on holiday, that other health complications began to arise. When the ENT consultant saw her on 30th April 2024, he ordered for a test that was done on 1st May 2024. Seeing how weak she was, the doctor admitted her in Meru Doctors Plaza for further tests and observation. The results were alarming and seemed to point to a serious health condition that needed immediate action. He recommended a bone marrow test to be done by a hematologist, so as to guide in the right treatment. Unfortunately, there is no hematologist in Meru, so Sr. Doreen was referred to one in Nairobi. She was thus admitted in Coptic Hospital on 3rd May 2024. She was first given blood transfusion, and on 6th May, the bone marrow test was done. In the early morning of the following day, 7th May 2024, she developed further complications and her oxygen levels began to go down. She was put on oxygen but the condition continued to worsen. She continued to go down, and efforts to resuscitate her were in vain. She breathed her last at around 7.00 a.m. while undergoing resuscitation process. Before she left for Coptic Hospital, she had received the Sacrament of Anointing from Fr. Oreste Murimi.

Sr. Doreen left this world at the age of 43, having lived in the Congregation for 20 years and 10 months, and 14 years and 5 months as a professed Sister.

May the good Lord received her in His Heavenly home, Amen.



**In loving memory**

