



But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (Phil. 3:20-21)

Dear Sr. Mary Aloisia, may Heaven be your everlasting home, Amen.

TRIBUTE FROM NEPHEWS AND NIECES

Auntie, you have been like an acacia tree in the desert, which provides shade from sun to us all. You have been our solace in hard times, and our focus in good times. You have loved us unconditionally despite our many shortcomings. We will truly miss you auntie. How we wish we can communicate to you for another minute, to tell you how we miss your presence. We comfort ourselves by knowing that we shall meet again in Heaven, where we shall rejoice forever, never to be separated again. Fare thee well auntie. Your memories will stay auntie; your time with us was special, and its often replayed. May Heaven be your bed, till we meet again auntie. MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

Celebrating the Life of



Sr. Mary Aloisia Muthanje, NSA

6th Feb 1947 ~ 8th May 2024

Nkabune (NSA Motherhouse) ~ 14th May 2024



EULOGY OF THE LATE SR. MARY ALOISIA MUTHANJE

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Sr. Mary Aloisia was born on 6th February 1947 in Nembure Village, Embu County. She was the second born child of the late Daniel Gakuru and the late Eusephia Karia Gakuru. She was sister to Joseph Nyaga, Angelina Mbeere, Gikungi Veronica Wegoki, John Njeru, Catherine Karimi, Michael Kathuri, the late Justin Njiru, and Eric Ruteere.

CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

Muthanje was baptized on 21st December, 1961 at Kevote Catholic Parish by Rev. Fr. Sechia, and received the name Aloisia. On the same day, she also received the first Holy Communion. On 11th March, 1962, she received the sacrament of Confirmation from Rt. Rev. Lawrence Victor Bessone, in the same Kevote Parish, which was by then her Parish. Currently, she belongs to Kithimu Catholic Parish of Embu Diocese. Ever since, she professed and lived her Catholic faith with zeal. She upheld the Christian values, and followed the liturgical season with dedication. She was also quite committed to the sacraments of the Church.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Sr. Mary Aloisia started her primary education at Nembure Primary School from nursery up to class seven, and attained Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) in 1968. She later proceeded to Gitoro Institute in Meru whereby she trained as a nursery teacher. While in the Congregation, she trained in Public Health Aid in Kisii.

BACKGROUND OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

Aloisia joined Nazareth Sisters of the Annunciation on 3rd July 1969. She went through her formation stages well, and on 10th August 1973, she was allowed to take her first profession, and the name Mary was added to her name. She continued to show commitment to her religious vocation, and on 10th August 1981, she took her perpetual profession. Sr. Mary Aloisia has lived her religious life faithfully for the period she has been in the Congregation. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee on 10th August 1998, and her Golden Jubilee on 10th August 2023. She had a chance to attend Sabbatical Course at AOSK Chemchemi ya Uzima Centre in April 2003.

For those 54 years and 10 months that she has lived in the Congregation, Sr. Mary Aloisia has worked in different capacities, but the main ones are: teaching nursery children; doing administration work whereby she was a Local Superior at different times in four different communities: Motherhouse, Amungenti, Bessone House in Nairobi, and Kinna. She also worked a lot in medical field (i.e. in our health facilities) as a nurse aid, and also as a public health worker among the people of God. She had a lot of experience in this area. She also carried out pastoral works in different parishes where we have our communities. She also worked in some of the institutions as a matron.

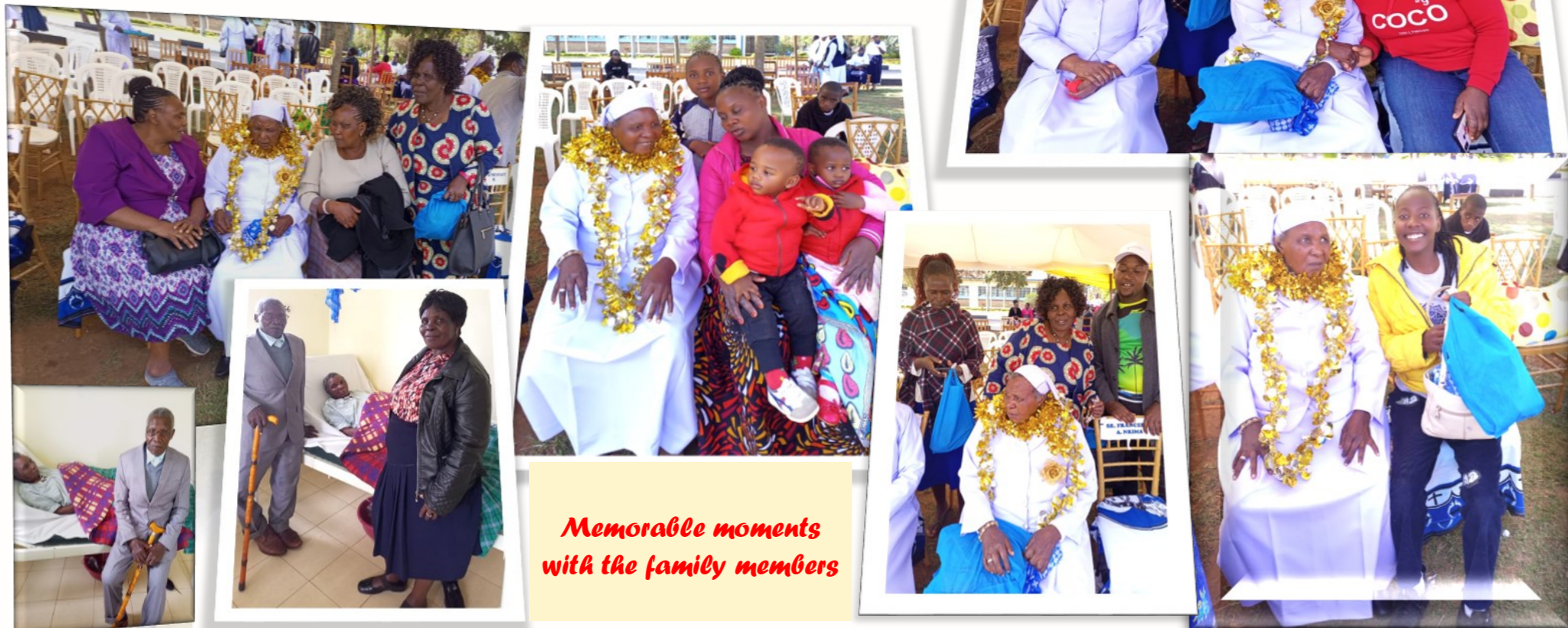
WHO WAS SR. MARY ALOISIA TO THE NAZARETH SISTERS?

As Nazareth Sisters, Sr. Mary Aloisia was a warm-hearted Sister who wore a beautiful smile. She was very friendly to all and enjoyed the company of the Sisters. She was daring and courageous. She loved prayer and never ever wanted to miss the mass, or community prayers. She carried a rosary in her hand and generally demonstrated deep spirituality in her religious commitment.

She had great zeal for the poor. For the period she was young and strong, she moved around visiting them and also finding ways and means of supporting them to better their lives. For this reason, she loved outdoor activities more than indoor activities. She loved her vocation and her Congregation, and took a lot of interest in the Congregation's affairs. She even went extra mile to look for properties for the Congregation. When her health became weak, and her mobility limited, she would keep pestering the Superior General to assign someone who can follow-up some of the lands she was following. In her ailing days, she would insist on participating in Congregation's events. The very last one was our Congregation's feast day (i.e. the feast of the Annunciation), which this year was held on 8th April at Consolata Primary School Chapel. She was full of life that day as she interacted with the Sisters, which we now understand was a farewell moment for her and for us too.

WHO WAS SR. MARY ALOISIA TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS?

She was a wonderful daughter to her parents, wonderful sister to her siblings, and a very caring aunt to her nieces and nephews. They treasure her as someone who loved them unconditionally, and encouraged them to live good Christian and moral lives. As a whole, she had great impact in the general wellbeing of her family members and relatives.



Memorable moments with the family members

SICKNESS AND DEMISE

Sr. Mary Aloisia enjoyed good health in her youthful days until when she developed blood sugar problems. As she advanced in age, she developed several other multiple problems that gradually weakened her health. She, however, carried on normally with her life and continued to take up her duties while under medication. In the recent years, her body weakened the more, so much so that she would be in and out of hospital many, many times, and within short duration of time. Shortly after celebrating the feast of the Annunciation this year, she got a flu that affected her breathing pattern. When she failed to respond well to treatment, she was admitted at Consolata Hospital Gitoro for further observation. She continued to deteriorate, and on the morning of 7th May 2024, she developed alarming complications that demanded her transfer to St. Therese Hospital Kiirua for intensive care. She succumbed to death on the evening of 8th May 2024, while in ICU.

During her stay in Consolata Hospital Gitoro, Sr. Mary Aloisia received the Eucharist regularly, and also the sacrament of the Anointing. She went back to her maker at the age of 77 years, having lived in the Congregation for 54 years and 10 months, and as a professed Sister, 50 years and 9 months.

May her dear soul rest in eternal peace, Amen.

