

OBITUARY OF
SR. CONCEPCION PELLOSAS, OSB

July 6, 1913 – August 24, 2011



“Fill me with your love. O Lord, and I will sing for joy” (Ps. 90:3-4)

Sister Concepcion’s 66 years as a Missionary Benedictine sister was a life of love, joy and service. On August 24, 2011 at 7:40 in the evening God called her to end her life’s journey here on earth and to join the blessed in heaven. We believe that she heeded this final call with a song in her heart.

Sister Concepcion was baptized 2 days after her birth on July 6, 1913 in Tayabas, Quezon. She was named Priscilla by her parents, Mr. Apolonio Pellosa and Honorata Estrella. With two older brothers before her, Priscilla was the eldest of six girls. She grew up nurtured by a religious family that brought the seed of a religious vocation. As a young girl she wanted to be a teacher and so she took up Education as her profession. At the age of 27 she responded generously to God’s call to become a Missionary Benedictine Sister. She entered St. Scholastica’s Convent on Dec. 1, 1943. Those were the days of Japanese occupation in the Philippines. Two years later on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Dec. 8, 1945, she pronounced her First Monastic Vows and got the name Sister Concepcion. After 3 years of further religious training, she finally became a full-fledged Missionary Benedictine Sister on Dec. 11, 1948. From this time on her mission began in the different schools in the country where she was sent: in St. Scholastica’s Manila, San Fernando and Angeles in Pampanga, Ormoc, Leyte, Legaspi in Bicol, Taal, Batangas, Marikina school and the Formation House. When she retired from school work she was sent to Baguio and lately in St. Benedict’s Home in Marikina.

Sister Concepcion held positions of responsibilities: as Grade School Principal, Superior and Directress. She was soft-spoken and calm in her dealings with people in community and in the schools. Despite her being a strict and good disciplinarian among the students she was loved by all because of her big and generous heart for everyone. She

had the gift of good humor that entertained those who listen to her stories. For instance when she was assigned table reader in the community she would add some things in a letter that made the sisters laugh. Even during her confinement in the hospital she could still crack a joke with the doctors and nurses. She was asked how old she was, and her answer was “ 57 and a half!” (Actually she was 98) She was the joy of the care-givers.

Sister Concepcion’s generosity and availability were shown in her sharing of her time and her wanting to share whatever food-gifts she received from others. Wherever she was assigned she was always cooperative, supportive obedient and never with an angry word or gesture. Her cheerfulness and joy was demonstrated in her smiles and her singing of her favorite Filipino folk songs.

She was confined at Manila Medical Center for gangrene on one of her toes due to bad blood circulation. Her doctor had to cut it to save her leg. Her heart became weaker and Sister Concepcion started to have hard breathing. One night we thought she would go home already but she survived. She wanted to die in the convent and so she was brought here to the Priory House in Manila. She still stayed in the infirmary for two weeks before she finally was called home.

We shall miss Sister Concepcion because of her example of love and joy in community living. We thank her for being a part of our lives. She must now be singing the praises of God in heaven. May she now rest in the joy and peace of the Lord.

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