



In Memory of
Sr. Juliana (Sam Ye) Che OSB
Born on January 01, 1920 - died on May 09, 2010

Sr. Juliana Che was born in Chung- mu, a town located in the southern part of Korea in a non-Christian family in January 1, 1920. On her personal record she wrote her father was a Confucian and her mother was a Buddhist. She was baptized as Juliana at the age of 18, on the feast day of St. Joseph, March 19, 1938 during her study in Seoul to earn a teaching diploma.

During her stay in Seoul she was acquainted with some Benedictine Fathers from Abbey of St. Ottilien and this was the providence for her entrance to the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing in Wonsan Priory, the northern part of Korea. When she was searching for a teaching place in 1941, Father Ernst Siebertz, OSB invited her to teach in Hyesung Elementary School, Ko-won which was close to Wonsan Priory. She accepted the invitation and went to the school.

The next year, August 19, 1942 she entered to the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing in Wonsan and she made her first profession in June 19, 1946. She became Sr. Humilitas, however, in later years she returned to her baptismal name Sr. Juliana. Since her home place was in South Korea, she undergone some hardships by the communists and she took refuge with Sr. Monica Lee in March, 1950 to South Korea. The two of them met 3 other Sisters who came to South Korea earlier and resided in the convent of Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres in Seoul.

In November 7, 1950 she was sent to the mission house in Kobe, Japan which was founded in 1946 and she made her final profession there in September 11, 1951. She had worked about 10 years as a kindergarten teacher in Tanabe, Japan until the mission was closed in July 31, 1961. After returning to Korea she worked in parish ministries for 6 years. She was sent again as a pioneer missionary to St. Paolo, Brazil for the Korean and Japanese immigrants. She put her whole energy and time for them for 29 years. After she returned from Brazil in 1996 she stayed in Sasudong priory house, and she was eager to visit the neighbors to proclaim the Good News and to help the sick and the aged. When she was no longer able to move around, she became a missionary by praying. In May 9, 2010 at 14:25 pm, at the age of 90 she returned to the Heavenly Father whom she had been longed such long time.

During her 90 years of life, she was a child of God for 72 years and 64 years lived as vowed to God as a Missionary Benedictine Sister. We may say that her life was like St. Paul "Not that I do boast of preaching the gospel since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it but as I have not it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands." (1Co 9.16-17), "The love of Christ impels us" (2Co 5.14).

She proclaimed the Good News as the opportunity comes, and moreover she searched and made the opportunity to proclaim the Good News. We believe that the Lord will bless her zeal and devotion for the mission and we put her in the merciful hands of the Lord!

Lord, Open the door of your Kingdom and let her have eternal life with You forever!
Amen!

R. I. P.

Daegu, May 14, 2010
Prioress and Sisters of Daegu Priory