

Irmã Maria Inês da Costa, OSF
July 23, 1923 - May 16, 2000

IRMÃ MARIA INÊS
Franciscana da Providência de Deus



“Confirma para a tua
serva, Senhor, a promessa
que fizeste aos que te são
fiéis”. Sl 119

23/07/1923 -- Nascimento
13/06/1945 -- Ingresso na Vida
Religiosa Franciscana
16/05/2001 -- Falecimento

Secular Name: Iracema da Costa

Entered: Aspirant - June 13, 1945
Postulant - July 16, 1945

Place of Birth: Ouro Fino, Minas Gerais

Parents: Vincente José da Costa and
Maria Izaura de Jesus

Siblings: Oldest of 12 children - 5 boys, 7 girls

Ministry:

Until 1973 Irmã Maria Ines was part of communities in Vila Alpina, Vila Zelina, Paraíso, Morumbi, and Jardim Leonor, assuming domestic ministries of sewing, embroidery, and assisting in the snack bars of the schools. In 1974 she became part of the community of St. Sebastian in Cipó, São Paulo, later moving on to Embu-Gauçu and São Lourenço da Serra, working with the Mother's Club and in parish ministry. She had a predilection for prayer groups. In 1994, she moved to Pedro Leopoldo, Minas Gerais, with the assignment of visiting the sick and assisting in the local church.

From 1996 to 1999 she lived in the Novitiate house, St. Clare in São Mateus, assisting in the Formation House and in parish ministry according to the needs of the community. She taught many novices the culinary arts, embroidery, and knitting, and in her own simplicity, love and prayer and her Franciscan vocation.

In 2000, Irmã Inês took up residence in the community of Recanto Paz e Bem in Jardim Leonor, for more intense treatment of her diminishing health. Hers was then a ministry of prayer, which continues in eternity.

*“Blessed be the Lord
who has shown me wondrous love.”*