

Sister M. Reinalda Prieto
August 17, 1938 - August 4, 2003



Secular Name: Dinorah Prieto
Birthplace: Pederneiras, São Paulo
Entered: September 4, 1959;
Postulant 1960; Novice 1961
Vows: 1962 Temporary; 1968 Perpetual
Parents: Domingos and Antonia Prieto
Siblings: 7th of 10 children
Sister M. Rogeria is her sister.

Ministry:

Sister M. Reinalda worked as a catechist in Vila Alpina and Vila Zelina from 1965 to 1968. After taking a technical course in nursing, she went to minister in our hospital in Pedro Leopoldo, Minas Gerais from 1972-1983. In 1984 she came to Pittsburgh and served in the U. S. three years in the motherhouse infirmary.

Sister was a general Chapter delegate in 1992 when she suffered an aneurysm but recovered and returned to Brazil where she continued her ministry in various communities with pastoral work, with health care, with employee relations, and vocational promotion. At times she was responsible for the health care of ill sisters of the Brazil province.



At the time of her death, Sister M. Reinalda was ministering in a peripheral boro of Maceió, the capital of the state of Alagoas. At the end of July, she had returned to São Paulo to participate in a congregational annual retreat, and afterward went to Marília to visit her family before returning to her mission. On Sunday morning, August 3, she suffered an abdominal aneurysm, was hospitalized, and underwent immediate surgery. Her hour had arrived, and she was called home to the house of God the following day, July 4, 2003.

Sister M. Reinalda was always available, joyful, and jovial. She welcomed everyone with kindness, leaving upon all a mark of happiness. Wherever she was, she planted seeds of Peace and Every Good, seeking always to cultivate warm friendships. With Clare and Francis as her models, she was simple, not desiring anything beyond the necessities of life. She was truly a happy follower of St. Francis.

“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” (Ps. 40:2)