

# *Sister Isabel Ferreira da Silva* *July 5, 1922 - December 14, 2017*



Sister Isabel was born on July 5, 1922 (according to civil registry), but in her baptismal registry she is said to have been born on July 5, 1918, in Palmeira dos Índios, Alagoas, Brazil. Daughter of João Cardoso da Silva and Joana Ferreira da Silva, Sister Isabel was the youngest of twelve, six girls and six boys.

She joined the congregation in 1947 as a postulant in Vila Alpina, Sao Paulo. She professed her first vows on July 16, 1949.

In 1951, she was sent to Pittsburgh, where she remained for three years residing in the Mother House, working as a seamstress and helping with the sick Sisters. Her final profession took place in Pittsburgh on July 16, 1952.

She returned to Brazil at the end of 1953, where she continued her studies and dedicated herself to working in our schools, São Miguel Arcanjo, Pio XII and Nossa Senhora do Carmo, in various functions, either in the classroom, teaching, or in administration and maintenance.

Since 2013, Sister Isabel resided in Recanto Paz e Bem, where she was a very significant presence both for the Sisters and for the staff. She always had a big smile on her face and words of affection and encouragement to everyone.

Sister Selma recalls, "Sister Isabel was an authentic person, generous, dedicated, available, loving, and faithful to people and Christian values." She last served in Vila Alpina and Vila Zelina before moving to Recanto Paz e Bem as her health declined. Her journey is complete. She rests in God's everlasting love.

*Those who trust in God will find their strength renewed. They will rise  
on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary;  
they will walk and not grow weak.*