



## OBITUARY NOTICE



**SISTER VERONICA MOSITI**  
*(MARIE ALOYSIUS)*

Entered eternal life on August 4, 2020  
At the age of 83  
and 59 years of religious life.

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*"I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Ps 146, 2-3*

The sweet memory of Sr. Marie Aloysius who, needle and thread in hand either making or repairing clothes, brings comfort and serenity. Her smile, her calmness and her love for all of her sisters and especially for the young postulants who affectionately called her 'aunt' have greatly contributed to an even more peaceful and pleasant community.

Born on August 15, 1936, Sr. Marie Aloysius is the ninth of ten children. Her parents, Mr. Rafael Molefe Ramosena and Mrs Josefina 'Matseliso 'Mamosena Mositi named her Veronica at birth and she was baptized three years later on September 27, 1939. Her First Communion and Confirmation were both celebrated on August 9, 1947.

Little Veronica was raised in a village heavily influenced by traditional practices that often conflicted with Christian Catholic rites. Because of her young age, she was not much affected by this confrontation but her mother suffered greatly since she was a Catholic and was even denied some of the sacraments since her older children had chosen a different path. Veronica and her younger brother Aloysius, decided to follow in their mother's footsteps. Aloysius married in a church and Veronica opted for religious life. These life choices comforted their mother. Veronica had the gift of lightening the burden of others and it was with true love and compassion that she served the poor in all the parishes where she later worked.

She attended elementary school then high school at St. Monica's where she made the acquaintance of the Sisters of the Holy Family who were her teachers. Shortly after she left St. Monica to return to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, she met the Sisters of Charity. It wasn't long before Veronica felt her vocational calling to join the Congregation. She was so happy to tell her mother the news that she wished to become one of Mother Marguerite d'Youville's daughters.

On January 5, 1958, Veronica entered Our Lady of Pontmain Convent as a postulant and a year later, on January 6, 1959, she was admitted to the Novitiate. She pronounced her temporary vows on January 7, 1961 and has been known as Sr. Marie Aloysius ever since probably in honor of her beloved little brother. She received several obediences between 1961 and 1966. She worked as a nurse's aide and seamstress at the Paray Mission Hospital and offered her services for catechesis at Our Lady of Pontmain Parish. Veronica pronounced her perpetual

vows on January 7, 1966. Her remarkably organized, neat and tidy nature has not gone unnoticed. These 'ladylike qualities' brought her to St. Mary's where she worked in the rectory for two years. However, her love for sewing led her back to Our Lady of Pontmain Convent where she became head seamstress from 1967 to 1969. She then returned to high school in Pitseng for two years. In addition to sewing, she has had another apostolate in accounting for a significant part of her life. In 1980, she worked at Our Lady of Mercy Mission Hospital and took a one-year accounting course in Hlotse while residing at St. Joseph Convent. Then, from 1982 to 1989, she worked as an accountant at Seboche Mission Hospital in St. Charles Botha-Bothe. She was appointed Animator at St. Mary's Convent, Roma, from 1990 to 1992.

However, sometime in the 90s, Sr. Marie Aloysius had a spine chilling adventure. While the Sisters were gathered in Louis Gerard Convent's dining room, a gang of thugs broke in and asked for the car keys. Without making a sound, Sr. Marie Aloysius managed to sneak out, went over the garage door, climbed a fence and alerted the neighborhood. Luckily no one was hurt. She spent the night at one of the Congregation Associate's home located near the clinic. It was then that she realized that she had a broken limb. The adrenaline and the desire to protect her fellow Sisters had numbed the pain and she couldn't even remember when it happened. Despite this traumatic experience, Sr. Marie Aloysius returned to Louis Gerard Convent as a local Animator from 2007 to 2008. In the spirit of obedience, she perceived and accepted every authority's proposal or decision as a response to a need and an expression of God's will.

Like many of Mother Bruyère's daughters, Sr. Marie Aloysius had the ability to multi-task but her passion for sewing always took over. She always made sure that the Sisters wore clean and well-mended clothes. She even received a college degree in sewing in 1994. From that moment on, her sewing talents were solicited in several convents: St. Paul's, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Louis Gerard and Our Lady of Pontmain. Even when she left for Paballong Convent, her final home, she continued sewing until Covid-19 took her away on August 4, 2020. Accordingly, this deep passion for sewing was the first quality mentioned in her eulogy that had to be broadcasted on Radio Maria because of the pandemic.

Priests were saddened by the departure of such a devoted and diligent sacristan. They also wondered where they would ever find someone as competent in making and repairing chasubles, cloths and other vestments! Indeed, Sr. Marie Aloysius who was our sister and an aunt to the young always produced excellent, flawless work.

Her hearing problem never prevented her from wanting to be part of a conversation event if it was challenging. She would have been a great journalist as she loved to read and share the news.

She remained serene until the end and went to the Father's House leaving behind a legacy of creative and meticulous work.

Rest in peace, Sister Marie Aloysius, your life was truly a beautiful song of praise to the Lord, a magnificent expression of his love. You have been a sower of peace and harmony, a faithful and humble servant of the Lord, the Church and the Congregation. It was a blessing to have you among us!

