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## ICC Report

### **ZOOM Listening Session**

**January 22, 2022**

*“Come Holy Spirit”*...this was and is our prayer as we prepared and practiced for the listening session. We are very, very grateful for all the assistance that Mary Rose Accetturo gave to make the technology possible.

**The sharing from different cultures and regions was a gift.** We said we would put in the ATA key points that were shared but obviously everything is not possible. So, these points are what follow:  
**\*Those who became part of SFCC after 2010**, in general, were very familiar with the 4<sup>th</sup> vow since its presentation was part of their becoming process, often was in a group setting

\*many in this group come from cultures where the concept of being financially independent isn't part of life.

\*they were made aware that Lillanna had spoken about a 4<sup>th</sup> vow

**\*Those who became part of the community prior to 2010** frequently had never heard of the 4<sup>th</sup> vow and when they did often thought it was another way of emphasize the necessity of being financially

independent. Another insight was that it was a charism, that it could be calling us to look more deeply at what it means to serve and to trust in God

\*a few now see that taking a 4<sup>th</sup> vow is something which they will do

### **\*Further insights that were shared are**

\*we are no longer the community of the 1970's but of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and are now global shaped by Vatican Council II

\*what does it mean to be financially independent in cultures where there are few or no social safety nets

\*the call to understand others and be enriched by their perspectives

\*does our times call us to focus on the need for forgiveness in every aspect of life and is that where our focus should be

**\*All were invited to take what they heard and their insights back to their regions to discuss all of this further.** Virgie Azcueta and Mary Rose Accetturo offered to have regions use their zoom accounts so that regions could communicate this way. Also, people thought it would be great if we could have community wide listening sessions via zoom.

It has been suggested and requested that the recording of this session be shared. The website capacity is full at this time but Fran Campbell will be working with the provider to see what can be done. So the recording will be shared as soon as possible.

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This time of listening was certainly facilitated by the presence of the Spirit and the sharing reflected our 21<sup>st</sup> century realities. **“Come Holy Spirit”**

*Submitted by: ICC TEAM: Carmen Gilick, Denise Ware, Virgie Azcueta*



### ATA TEAM

The ATA Team will complete the second term of their service role in June 2023.

To provide a year of transition, the community will **call forth a new ATA Team** in the **summer of 2022**.

Claim your creative/computer skills and consider serving on the new team.



## NIGERIA—DECEMBER 2021

*From left*  
Stellamaris Oluchi.  
Theresa Maiyamma,  
Faustina Fabian,  
Emmanuella Mbanude,  
Gert Bassey,  
Gloria Agada,  
Regina Tsehe,  
Rose Bako,  
Onemena Ohgenejode  
and Mary Balogun  
Abuja





Present on Conference Call – December 26, 2021: Barb Bayzik, Kathleen Terlau, Judith Pask, Patsy Guyton, Mary Ann Wachtel, Lucy Comer.

Barb shared about her extensive voluntary services in her parish where structures are in flux and “The People’s Church” longs for leadership. We eased into discussion of Synodality with Mary Ann describing models of Church-partly inspired by a video from “New Ways Ministry” and from “Christian Life“ sharings.

Judith requested prayer for her brother’s family grieving the recent death of her sister-in-law. We remembered Gertrude who is meeting SFCC inquirers in Nigeria.



Lucy reminded us that RCCs will meet on ZOOM 01/22 for Regional sharings on the “4 Vow”. We affirmed our points made in last two ATA.

Patsy gathered our concerns in a blessing prayer as Christmastide continues.

*Submitted by Lucy Comer*

(An additional article was received on January 31, and may be found at end of this Issue)

## TANZANIA REGION GROUP DISCUSSION REPORT

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This discussion was done on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at Franciscan Family Center, Nairobi Kenya. It was based on the article by Rosa Ocampo titled NEW VISION OF RELIGIOUS VOWS: POVERTY, CHASTITY, OBEDIENCE – AND MORE? In this context, the SFCC fourth vow was focus of the discussion in the Ocampo’s article as well as our discussion in the Regional group.

### 2. SFCC FOURTH VOW OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR LIFE IN TIMES OF HEALTH, SICKNESS AND DEATH

We all focused on the SFCC Fourth vow in Lillanna’s context. We all agreed that policies in the Western world are well established in place. Employment policies, pension and health insurance schemes are well established and adequately provide assurance of the stipulated rights to the beneficiaries. Also, there are well established homes for old people hence incase a religious is in need of the assistances provided can easily decide to go for them. In these aspects the fourth vow to a religious person in the Western world is practical in many aspects.

The article by Rosa Ocampo is featuring on the actual life of an SFCC religious in the third world context where uncertainties are embraced in many aspects. Employments are not stable to provide adequate needs for a religious; they may be permanent but still surrounded by many uncertainties and inadequacies in providing basic needs. Life at retirement is not well ensured because the

provided pensions and health insurance schemes are inadequate to meet what is real needed in this stage of life.

In this discussion we all agreed that in our Tanzania context we need to plan on how we will sustain ourselves during difficult times such as life after retirement, sickness and deaths because the fourth vow can be a reality when we are still energetic.

It was further added that in SFCC community we are not supposed to own any thing in common but in our African context it is very important to plan for our common place for taking care of ourselves during difficult times, at old age, retirement and death.



*Submitted by:*

*Sr. Columba John Thadey, (left) and  
Sr. Edeltruds Simforian Assenga (right)  
Chairpersons, Tanzania Group Discussion  
Secretary, Tanzania Group Discussion  
November 2021,*



Sixteen sisters and two Inquirers participated in the December Zoom. After some struggles to connect everyone, the session began with an Advent reflection video by Dan Schutte and a reading from Global Sisters Report. Some of our own sharing on the season followed. There seems to be a low-level depression, within ourselves, in our society and churches, a combination of our own personal frailty and that of the world around us. It was noted that the migrants who are deported back to their home countries are often not bitter, angry or depressed but go forward in hope as they pick up their lives. Do I do my part in my own little space to bring Hope?

Our conversation continued on the 4<sup>th</sup> vow. In speaking of self-supporting, the “vow” word has not been used in the past. The concept of vow comes from membership in previous religious communities. It is the task of mentoring to clarify that SFCC is different. In Africa, once a woman joins a religious community, the family relinquishes any support because the “church” takes over everything. So, if a SFCC opens a bank account, lives alone, etc. it can appear scandalous. The culture does not understand. Thus, the need for a public recognition of SFCC self-supporting. SFCC needs to be flexible and compromise with what is needed.

The phrase “self-determining” has negative connotations here in America: individualistic, power, control, etc. This is

contrary to SFCC. The term “self-supporting” is more expressive of who we are and is more desirable. **It is hoped that, like the LCWR in dealing with their investigation, the resolution of the 4<sup>th</sup> vow question will occur in a prayerful, respectful atmosphere.**

The consensus of the region was succinctly and accurately expressed by Emma Flaherty: Discussion of the 4<sup>th</sup> vow to this point has focused on our past. It seems the opinions of those regions who responded in the ATA, Dec. 2021-Jan. 2022, are that the 4<sup>th</sup> vow is included in the vow of serving – poverty. It is intrinsic to our lived vowed life as SFCCs. Yet, this discussion of the 4<sup>th</sup> vow has arisen in recent years, so it seems, because the SFCCs are becoming a more global community. The dominant cultural expression is moving from that of a North American/Euro-Centric one to encompassing a wider vision with global implications. Perhaps, the next step in this discussion of the 4<sup>th</sup> vow should be: Is there now a need to add a 4<sup>th</sup> vow explicitly as the SFCCs embrace a wider vision of an inclusive global membership?



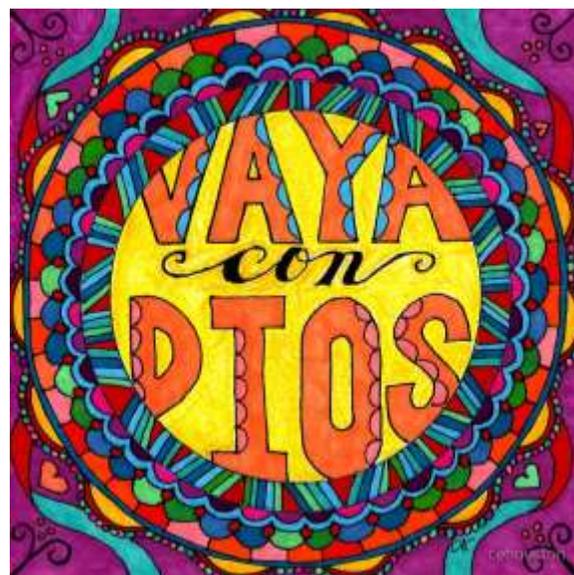
It is imperative that we listen to the voices of those women who are joining the community and who are coming from diverse, cultural realities as we prepare for what the SFCC profile may evolve into in the future.

*Submitted by Alma O'Brien, RCC*



Laurinda Mayer will leave Honduras 60 years a religious sister. I will live in St. Louis, Mo area joining the St. Louis SFCC Region, Midwest. I do not have my new address and phone number, yet, but will send it to you when I have it.

*Submitted by Laurinda Mayer, Honduras*



*That All May Be One.*  
att: 17:20-22

The following poem of Mary Sferre  
is submitted  
at the request of the  
Florida Region by *Mary Steves*

I am so grateful for all that has been  
mine...

I would like to live forever  
but how life enhancing  
and redemptive can that be-

At times being, becoming  
Gleaning the unseeable  
Hearing...depth with emptiness  
Beauty touching me lightly, tightly....

While on and on  
life is measuring up  
leveling a satisfying stance  
toward a closing end  
that life is blessing  
here I am...humbly grateful  
for the you in my life  
as I live into the new....

*Written by Mary Sferre*



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### **INQUIRER**

**Maryanne Menya  
Onyango**  
Kenya Region

Born on 27/5/1975 at  
Busia. she has 6 siblings.

Maryanne joined  
Consolata sisters in 2018 and after 8 months  
she left to take care of her late mother.

Maryanne's guiding principle in life is to  
pray every moment, respect for others  
despite of their age and classes.

Maryann trained as an institutional manager  
and supervisor. She is currently working as a  
matron at a Medical College.

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist*



### **INQUIRER**

**Tabitha Njambi Kariuki**  
Kenya Region

Born on 26<sup>th</sup> September  
1971 in Muranga County.  
She has 8 siblings.

Tabitha joined the  
congregation of our Lady of Charity in 1994  
and she is in the process of leaving the  
congregation because her congregation is  
being merged with another one and the two  
groups are incompatible in all the areas.

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Tabitha guiding principle is to read the word of God where she draws her strength.

Tabitha holds a masters in counselling psychology. Currently she is a school counsellor.

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist*



**INQUIRER**  
**Jennifer Mwende Wambua**  
Kenya Region

Born on 26 December 1980 in Machakos. She has 5 siblings

Jennifer has never been in any congregation.

Jennifer's guiding principle in her life is to let God take control over her where she can't and respect for human dignity

Jennifer holds a diploma in pastoral and religious studies. Currently she working as a catechist in sacred Heart Baba Dogo Parish.

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist*



**INQUIRER**  
**Lilian Agnes Njagi**  
Kenya Region

Born on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1985.in Embu. She has 6 siblings.

Lilian joined Marianitas sisters in 2018 and after two years she left due to the lack of formator so as to continue with her formation process

Lilian's guiding principles in her life is to understand the needs of others in order to cope well with them and to remain connected with God.

Lilian holds a Diploma in IT. She is currently working with Marianitas sisters mobile

clinics. monitoring the malnourished children and mothers, giving them commodities.

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist*



**INQUIRER**  
**Eunice Anyango Maugo**  
Kenya Region

Born on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1977 in Eldoret. She has 8 siblings.

Eunice joined Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus, after she left in 2009. Later she joined the company of St. Ursula Secular institute of St. Angela Merici in 2014.

Eunice's guiding principles is service to all regardless, spiritual nourishment at all times and creativity and recreational.

Eunice holds a certificate in secretarial and front office. She is currently working as a school matron at St. Peters Juja Primary School.

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist*



**INQUIRER**  
**Nantap Dafur**  
Nigeria Region

Born on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1976 at Shendam

Nantap Dafur has five siblings. Her parents are Mr...Hyacinth A. Dafur and her mother is Mrs. Helen Dafur. Her father is a retired Nurse as well as her mother.

Nantap Dafur joined our Lady of Fatima sisters of Jos congregation in 1995and after 12 years of service she left as junior sister before her final vows due to

misunderstanding by the community members.

Nantap Dafur guiding principles in life is living simple life and doing good to others. Nantap Dafur works as Nurse, Midwife and she is also studying in psychiatry .

Nantap Dafur was attracted to SFCC by the way SFCC live their religious life especially taking responsibility for their own self.

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist.*



**INQUIRER**  
**Lucy Akare Agwom**  
Nigeria Region

Born on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1974 at Kazumung Kabong.

Lucy Akare Agwom has 8 siblings. Her father is Mr. Michael Agwom Aware is a farmer and her mother is Helen Abus Agwom. a petty trader.

Lucy joined Our Lady of Fatima Sisters of Jos Nigeria and after 10 years of service and she left as a junior sister due to jealousy and malice in the community.

Lucy's guiding principles in life is to be hardworking, innovative, discipline and integrity.

Lucy holds a master's in social rehabilitation. She is currently teaching.

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist.*



**INQUIRER**  
**Basilisa Patrice Qaday**  
Tanzania Region

Born on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1975.

Basilisa has 12 siblings .

Basilisa joined the Unitas for Africa Congregation and after she left when the congregation changed from vows to promises.

Basilisa's guiding principles in life is to worship God , keeping time and promises.

Basilisa holds certificate in needle work and she is currently teaching .

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist*



**INQUIRER**  
**Mary Claire Athanase**  
Tanzania Region

Born on 16/8/1972.

Mary Claire has 11 siblings.

Mary Claire joined the congregation of St. Theresian sisters of Child Jesus and is in the process of leaving the congregation because of her misunderstanding with her mother General.

Mary Claire guiding principle in life is to strive to live a holy life.

Mary Claire holds a bachelor degree in education. She is currently teaching.

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist*



**AFFILIATE**  
**Michelle Pasko Olivier**  
Florida Region

At the age of 13, Michelle entered the aspirancy of the Mission Sisters of the

Sacred Heart where she remained until she was 21 years old. In the years that followed, Michelle's life journey opened her to other

life experiences. She is a mother of three and a grandmother of three. A few years ago Michelle spent 6 months as a “live-in” with the Benedictines. Although she did not apply to their novitiate, Michelle continued to feel called to dedicate herself to God and her neighbors.

Michelle describes her journey and contacts with SFCC as follows, “As I continued searching for a religious community I found SFCC and started my communication with them. This was early 2017 and my first contact was with Roberta. She explained the Formation Process, known as the Becoming Process and working with a mentor. She also explained the vows or promises of serving, loving and listening. I then met with Alma O’Brien and she referred me to the Sophia Group because of my location at that time. In between this I was thinking of moving to Florida to be near family and that is when I contacted Loretta Morgan for information about the Florida SFCC. Now, I have a home in Florida am settled and would like to continue the Becoming Process.”

Michelle is a Licensed Practical Nurse and holds certifications as a Spiritual Director and as a Reiki Practitioner. She has a degree in Business Administration from New Hampshire University, and completed the requirements and has served as a certified Assisted Living Administrator in the state of Pennsylvania.

Jill Bond and Phyllis Superfisky from the Florida Region are serving as SFCC mentors for Michelle as she continues the Becoming Process.

*Submitted from the U.S. Archivist*



**AFFIRMED**  
**January 9, 2022**  
**Helen Popoola**  
 South Central Region

Mentors:  
 Patricia Morris &  
 Odessa Stanford



**For a  
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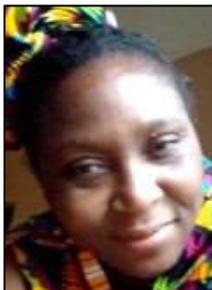
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 \*\*Mission

Reflections from your Region  
 are welcome  
 for  
 the April-May Issue  
 of the ATA

**AFFIRMED December 18, 2021 Abuja, Nigeria**



Mary Bako



Rose Balogun



Antoinette Oghenejode

**COVENANT OF AFFILIATION December 18, 2021 Abuja, Nigeria**



Gloria Agada



Faustina Fabian



Theresa Maiyamma



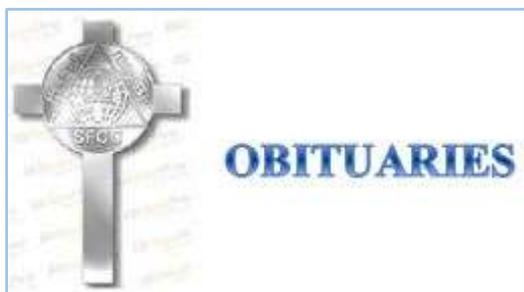
Emmanuella Mbanude



Stellamaris Oluchi



Regina Tsehe



## GERTRUDE FRANCO

LIFE 1940-2021  
SFCC 1992-2021

Steadfast in faith despite suffering from ill health most of her life, Gertrude Franco died on

October 15 last year due to complications from hypertension and various other ailments. She was 81.

Defying her parents, the young Gertrude joined the Congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena right after high school.

Although happy and productive with the Dominicans, some stirrings of what she described as "a deep longing to answer the promptings of the Holy Spirit" for something more led Gertrude to long periods of spiritual reflection.

By happenstance, Eliza Chan of Yesu Marie Region, who later became her mentor and affirmed her into SFCC, gave Gertrude a copy of Lillana Kopp's *Sudden Spring*. It inspired her to embrace the SFCC lifestyle and loved the "freedom" that it entails.

Thus, Gertrude became an affirmed SFCC on August 15, 1992, after 37 years with the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena and two years sabbatical.

Eliza recalls that aside from studying *Sudden Spring* thoroughly, Gertrude was filial to the SFCC profile and, due to poor health, always brought her own organic food and drinks at meetings.

She loved nature -almost always the backdrop of her spiritual renewal and reflections- and had an affinity with the ordinary folk, often bringing the Good News to farmlands and hinterlands.

Born on Nov. 2, 1940 in the province of Iloilo in central Philippines, Gertrude was the youngest of 12 children. A sister, Carmen Franco, was foundress of the Carmelite Sisters of the Holy Trinity in Manila.

Gertrude spent most of her years in Koronadal in the province of Cotabato in southern Philippines where she finished elementary and high school. She obtained a degree in education from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila and did post-graduate studies on education administration in the same school. She also studied clinical pastoral education.

Her jobs were in various schools in metro Manila and Cotabato, as teacher, principal, administrator, guidance coordinator, registrar and treasurer.

Constant in her faith, Gertrude on her retirement gave bible lessons at homes and offices, offered guidance and counseling, visited families in remote areas and joined religious movements actively.

She attended SFCC meetings in Manila while she was working in the metro but later joined the Yesu Marie Region when she moved to Cotabato permanently.

Fidel Marie Avanzado of the Manila Region remembers Gertrude as "a beautiful soul",

"deeply spiritual" and, coming from a big family, doted on her siblings, nieces, nephews and grandchildren as much as they doted on her.

Gertrude's earthly life ended in her beloved Cotabato, surrounded by family members. Interred, she became one with nature to which she was deeply rooted in life.

*Submitted by the Asian Archivist*



**ROSEMARY  
KACZYNSKI**

LIFE 1940-2021  
SFCC 2009-2021

Early in the morning  
of December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021,  
our sister Rosemary

Kaczynski departed this life in peace, with daughter Angela at her side, and sons Christopher and Daniel nearby. The call to Motherhood and Sisterhood fulfilled her life. From an early age Rosemary felt the call to religious life, but was denied Final Profession twice. "I was not accepted for Final Vows because of concerns about health," she wrote. Rosemary married in 1969, gave birth to Christopher, Angela and Daniel, becoming a mother, then grandmother, great-grandmother, and finally our Sister. In 2008, Rosemary met Renee Kuban who served as her Mentor into the Namaste Region/Wisconsin. In finding SFCC, Rosemary's life path came full circle when she was affirmed in 2009.

In posting a notice about his mother's illness, Christopher wrote, "After a bitter divorce, she returned to school and earned her Master's degree to become a Social Worker in Milwaukee. She raised her three children, and when she retired, she went on to help the elderly and care for others in their final days." Rosemary's life became a life of service, inspiring her work in

teaching grade school, providing retreats for divorced women and their children, participating in weekly prayer groups, and working with immigration issues. In working with Mary Rose Acceturro, Rosemary also helped run the Clare Oasis House of Prayer and Healing, a "transitional living center for the homeless." In retirement, Rosemary became a Senior Companion, enabling the elderly to remain in their homes. Rosemary ended her life as she wished it in the beginning, as a Sister for Christian Community.

In her final days, Rosemary was cared for by the children she brought into this world, granting her peace. Not only did her children comment on their mother's loving acceptance of death, Judith Smith also accompanied Rosemary in her final days, struck by how peacefully accepting she was with the terminal cancer ending her life; blessed with the fullness of joy in being a Mother and a Sister.

In being comforted by a life well lived, Rosemary departed surrounded by the loving family she gave birth to, and the SFCC sisterhood she chose to fulfill her life. Having found joy and given joy in a life that was not easy, Rosemary rested in the peace of a Mission Accomplished. Rosemary leaves all of us with the gift of a "good death," revealing the everlasting joy Sister Death brings to those who loved their life and all who loved them in return.

In memory of our sister Rosemary, may we all light a candle in gratitude for the everlasting life she brought into SFCC, keeping in mind her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In her footsteps we follow. Blessed be our sister Rosemary Kaczynski.

*Submitted by the U.S. Archivist*



**MARGARET NDUTA  
KITHAE**

LIFE: 1964-2022  
SFCC: 2020- 2022

Margaret Nduta was a Head of Department of Community Health and development, Faculty of Science, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, in Kenya. Besides, she served the university in various committees of the university in realization of the university core mission. She has worked with community health programs in Kenya for more than 15 years.

Previously before joining the academia, Margaret was the head of the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret's health services department and coordinator of the Diocese's donor-funded HIV/AIDS Program. Margaret started off her career in the health services profession in 1991 as an administrator of a busy health dispensary in the diocese of Eldoret.

Margaret was a contributor to and has actively participated in research related to the health sector issues, particularly; HIV/AIDS, community-based wealth creation initiatives, nutritional care, community-based information systems initiatives and child care programs. Similarly, she has contributed to and actively participated in international conferences on issues related to HIV/AIDS in Kenya and could disseminate lessons learned. She had a long-term commitment in community-based health initiatives. She also developed a strong network of contacts in Kenya and parts of neighbouring Tanzania in which she worked as a researcher and consultant.

Margaret was a middle-aged single professional. She joined a catholic religious

group soon after completing school in 1984. Over the years, she lived a devout religious life until November 2006 when she opted out of the congregation in order to concentrate on developing her career in the health profession. Margaret had undertaken mission work in Somaliland for one year in an academic university as well as establishing a program supporting the marginalized in that region, Candle Relief, NGO.

Outside official work, Margaret spent time and efforts in philanthropical activities. Before her demise Margaret was, participating in an active role of providing coordinating activities of rehabilitation Centre in Mathare, Nairobi, through support of friends from USA. In view of establishing a home of her own with the community to serve the elderly in her community.

Margaret was a member of Kenya Region and in the recent Inter -Regional SFCC assembly in Nairobi Kenya, last year November she introduced the theme "SFCC, A New Dawn in Africa" and she gave the keynote presentation.

Her unexpected death was due to infection with covid -19 and pneumonia.

**Margaret was born on November 9, 1964 and died on January 22, 2022.**

*Submitted by the Africa Archivist*





**JOSEPHINE  
SLABINSKI**

LIFE 1922-2021  
SFCC 1992-2021

Just 3 months shy of her 100th birthday, Josephine passed on Thanksgiving

Day, November 25.

Josephine was with the Little Sisters of the Poor for 22 years before joining SFCC in 1992. With regard to her first regional meeting with SFCC in Florida, accompanied by Sister Helen Gradus, she wrote "I loved the fact that they were consecrated women who were self-regulating, self-determining, not isolated individuals, but a gathering with specific goals." The depth and breadth of Josephine's spiritual life is what transformed her into a good and faithful servant.

In her 2013 Christmas letter to family and friends, Josephine wrote, "I continue my daily life getting to morning prayer and Mass, exercise class twice a week, Bible Study Wednesday night, Adoration Thursday and Friday, evening Mass on Saturday and Mass on Sunday, God has been so good to me." Josephine's life was a Prayer of Thanksgiving.

A divine call to the nursing profession is what led Josephine to seek sisterhood first with the Little Sisters of the Poor where she visited the elderly and provided nursing care in Michigan, Washington D.C. Pennsylvania and Georgia, Josephine served as a charge nurse and in retirement provided in home nursing care for the elderly and also for physically challenged children. Inspired by a vision of day care for troubled children – "If I could at least help a few children have a happy home for a day." -- Josephine bought a house, set up the Providence Family Day Care, and was able to say proudly "I worked

a lot and after five years I had it paid off." Dream come true. She opened her life to the little ones in need of comfort and joy. Mission accomplished.

In being led to SFCC, it was Josephine's life as a Little Sister of the Poor that helped her realize how they "allow very little self-expression or choice of ministry," adding "I express myself very easily and blossom in the ministry I feel drawn to." The call to nursing also led Josephine to the House of Prayer in Fowlerville, MI. "I worked and helped people who came in with problems. They needed so much healing."

Josephine's life is a story of God's Sister who healed all entrusted to her care, most especially in providing a safe place for abused children in the Providence Family Day Care Center; bought and paid for by working "a lot for five years." Blessed is she who leaves our community with gratitude for the gift of her life among us.

As one of eight children, Josephine is missed by her extended family, her SFCC Florida Region, and by many SFCCs who remember her sparkly self at Assemblies. It is no coincidence that she departed this life on Thanksgiving Day, a day of gratitude for the life she has been given, the missions she accomplished, and the gratitude we feel in knowing and loving her as our sister. Not only do we have another angel at our side, but we have healing shoulders upon which we stand. May we all light a candle to thank Josephine Slabinski for the comfort and joy she brought into the world of all who know and love her. We welcome her into the Communion of SFCC Saints in whose footsteps we follow. Blessed Be Josephine Slabinski.

*Submitted by the U.S. Archivist*

**(Obituary for Margaret Underwood & Fern Bentz will appear in next issue of ATA)**

**(Continued Report from the Sunbelt Region)**

The Sunbelt met in Conference Call Jan. 29 and later. Present: Judith Pask, Kathleen Terlau, Gertrude Okon Bassey, Patsy Guyton, Mary Ann Wachtel, and Lucy Comer. We had a brief check-in on happenings in our lives. Since three of us participated in the ZOOM listening session on January 22, we reported what we heard and addressed some concerns.

We are very grateful for the listening session. Kudos to the ICCs for hosting and for Mary Rose Accetturo for her expertise with Zoom. Thank you for the listeners who shared their wisdom. Let us do it again.

The preparation and use of the Power Point stating that SFCCs take a 4<sup>th</sup> vow does raise

the question of who speaks for the community.

In this case, we believe it precludes community understanding of the Evangelical Counsels stated in the Profile and voiced overwhelmingly in the ZOOM meeting of January 22.

The use of the "SFCC 4<sup>th</sup> Vow" Power Point with the candidates in the Becoming Process in the Philippines and some in Africa raises questions and concern.

Welcome to growing pains!

*Submitted by Lucy Comer, RCC- Sunbelt*



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