

Death Notice

SISTER MARIA SALETE

ND 7067

Salette BORDIN

Holy Cross Province, Passo Fundo, RS, Brazil

Date and Place of Birth:	October 1, 1951	Marau, RS
Date and Place of Profession:	February 02, 1974	Passo Fundo, RS
Date and Place of Death:	December 15, 2021	São Vicente de Paulo Hospital, P. Fundo, RS
Date and Place of Burial:	December 16, 2021	Sta. Cruz Cemetery, Passo Fundo, RS



“I will make an everlasting covenant with you!” Is 55:3

This verse from the Scriptures was chosen by Sister M. Salette on the day of her perpetual vows and accompanied her throughout her life's journey giving her strength and encouragement in her spiritual life and in the various ministries she carried out.

Salette was the daughter of Pedro Antonio and Eufêmea Chiaretin Bordin, the fourth child among eight siblings. She attended a Rural School and Stella Maris School in Marau and in Viamão. Although she didn't like to study, Salette's desire to know how to read and write was awakened through painting and crafts. Realizing the call to religious life, Salette attended the parish's vocation meetings, which helped her to discern her vocation, joining the Sisters of Notre Dame in Passo Fundo at the age of 21. She was professed in 1974 and retained her Baptismal name becoming Sister Maria Salette.

Sister Maria Salette graduated in Biological Sciences and, for several years, was a Biology and Religious Education teacher at various ND schools. For a time, she also ministered as the province's vocation director as well as a member of the vocation team in different dioceses.

In her autobiography written in 1971, Sister Maria Salette expressed herself as follows: *“In the future, I intend to be a nurse and dedicate myself to the sick, suffer with those who suffer, cheer up the sad and lift up the unsuccessful, bearing witness to Christ. When I have accomplished this, I can say that I am happy”!*

Sister Maria Salette's desire came true after she had specialized in nutrition and dietetics. As a nutritionist and nursing technician, she dedicated herself to the health care area, especially giving nutritional guidance to the patients in the province's health care institutions and in the permanent residences for the elderly.

Sister was a joyful, easy-going person, which made her beloved by everyone. She served as local superior for several terms, always attentive to the smooth functioning of the community and to promoting the fraternal, religious, and professional life of the sisters.

On the night of October 31, Sister Maria Salette did not feel well. After taking some medication, she traveled to Passo Fundo as an *ex-officio* member for the Provincial Chapter. The sisters there realized that Sister's health condition needed urgent attention. A medical evaluation indicated that she had suffered a heart attack. Sister Maria Salette was immediately admitted to São Vicente de Paulo Hospital in Passo Fundo. On December 14, she was transferred to the ICU due to an acute pulmonary edema and returned her life to God the following night, December 15, at 10:30 pm, due to multiple organ failure.

We pray that God rewards Sister Maria Salette for all the good she accomplished in life. May she be our intercessor for more vocations among young women who will dedicate their lives to the good of others, incarnating the goodness of our good and provident God.