



Dearest Sisters,

This morning, at 6:53 a.m. (local time) at San Juan de Dios Hospital in Pasay City, Philippines, we received the news that due to a severe form of leukemia, the Divine Bridegroom called our sister to the wedding celebration:

**TINONG Sr. JANITH**  
**born in Mati (East Davao, Philippines) on March 28, 1969**

Sr. Janith was a humble, gentle, and kind sister, known for her quiet demeanor and dedicated work ethic. Though she was somewhat shy, she readily expressed her talents and artistic sensibility through the vibrant floral arrangements and decorations that beautifully adorned the large chapel of the Pasay community, often keeping her busy late into the night. Her efforts were inspired by a profound love for the Divine Master, with whom she had cultivated a deep relationship of trust and intimacy.

She entered the congregation in the Regina Apostolorum community in Pasay City, Philippines, on August 8, 1999, after graduating from business school. Sr. Janith made her novitiate in Lipa followed by first profession on June 29, 2004. During her juniorate she was assigned to Davao, Bacolod, and Pasay City, where she devoted herself to spreading the Gospel in schools, offices, and other institutions. She also completed her cultural formation during this time and obtained a degree in theology and pastoral care. At the end of this intense period of formation she made perpetual profession in the Regina Apostolorum community in Pasay City, on January 25, 2011. On that occasion Sr. Janith wrote:

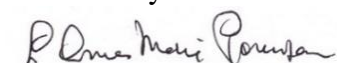
“My heart is full of gratitude to the Lord for sustaining me with His love despite my limitations and weaknesses. To have experienced the deep beauty of God's love has been the most wonderful moment of my life. During this year of formation, I received so much love, light and blessings. As our blessed Founder Fr. James Alberione said, I desire to become *the pen and tongue of God through Jesus Christ our Master...*”

In Zamboanga, Sr. Janith worked in our book center. Later, in the bustling metropolis of Manila and the mountain city of Baguio, she carried out our itinerant mission of evangelization, bringing catechetical and formation books to families and communities. With her expertise in economics and accounting, she provided several years of skilled assistance in the Central Finance office of the province. There in Pasay, she also used her talents as a seamstress, earning admiration for her precision in making and mending the sisters' habits. At various times, she lovingly returned to her family for extended periods to offer care and support to her elderly and ailing father.

Several months ago, laboratory tests revealed a significant abnormality in Sr. Janith's hemoglobin levels. Despite undergoing specialized therapies, they proved ineffective. In November, a bone marrow biopsy confirmed a diagnosis of leukemia. By late December, she was readmitted to the hospital for blood transfusions, but an infection led to septic shock. This became her appointed hour to meet her Bridegroom—the hour of love and of savoring the new wine of the covenant.

We imagine that the words Sr. Janith wrote on her perpetual profession day now may become a radiant and consoling reality: “The totality of my being - mind, will, heart - unites today to say YES to the invitation of the divine Master.” A yes that will truly be for all eternity.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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