

Mourning for Sister Rose Cornelia

The former Mother Superior General of the Congregation of Samaritan Sisters and three fellow sisters passed away in their home country India due to a Covid 19 infection.

Mechernich/Mannuthy - The Communio in Christo mourns the death of Sister Rose Cornelia, the former Mother Superior General of the Congregation of Samaritan Sisters in Mannuthy in the Indian Federal State Kerala and also of three of her fellow sisters. All four died from Covid 19. Sister Rose Cornelia passed away at age 67.

„The announcement of the death of our beloved Sister Rose Cornelia has shattered us and leaves us very sad. Her death is a great loss for the Samaritan Sisters but also for us as her friends. We got to know her as a loving and faithfully caring mother of the religious sisters. Her attachment to Mother Marie Therese and the Communio in Christo always encouraged and motivated us,“ said the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus.

Sister Rose Cornelia, born on 25 March in 1954 in Thodupuzha (Kerala) was the one to connect with the Communio in Christo and to sign a cooperation agreement with the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus, while being the Mother Superior General between 2006 and 2018.

In 2010 Sister Jasmin together with Sister Little Flower were the first Samaritan Sisters to come to the Eifel in order to work as certified nurses at the Communio in Christo Social institutes. All of the eight Samaritan Sisters who presently live and work in Mechernich and Blankenheim had still been chosen by Sister Rose Cornelia.

Sister Rose Cornelia grew up with five siblings. At age 15 she joined the Congregation of the Samaritan Sisters. She made her first profession on 3 January 1973. Six years later she took her perpetual vows. Not only was she the Mother Superior General of the Samaritan Sisters for two terms of office, but also the treasurer for the entire Congregation for twelve years.

Sister Rose Cornelia came to visit Mechernich three times. A deep connectedness developed between the two religious communities. In 2014 she was welcomed in the Mechernich town hall by the Mayor Dr. Hans-Peter Schick

There are several parallels between the Communio in Christo and the Samaritan Sisters. Both act in the sense of neighbourly love, both used to serve and still serve marginalized human beings. When first coming here in 2011, Sister Rose Cornelia commented on the cooperation: „Here you can experience what it means to be a community of love.“

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