

EULOGY

Sr. Isabelle Lynch

WELCOME TO EVERYONE HERE TODAY ESPECIALLY HEATHER,
ISABELLES SISTER, ISABELLES NEPHEWS, AND FAMILIES, NEPHEW,
AND OTHER FRIENDS OF ISABELLE.

IT IS JUST OVER 66 YEARS SINCE ISABELLE ENTERED THE LITTLE
COMPANY OF MARY, AND AT FINAL PROFESSION TOOK FOR HER
MOTTO

MY QUEEN MY MOTHER, REMEMBER I AM THINE OWN. A VERY
MARIAN ORIENTED MOTTO FOR A MARIAN CONGREGATION.

WE REMEMBER ISABELLE WITH GREAT LOVE, A PATIENT WOMAN
PARTICULARLY IN THE LATTER YEARS OF HER LIFE, WHO I AM
SURE WOULD HAVE RELIED ON THE SPIRITUALITY WHICH HER
MOTTO PRESENTS .

ISABELLE WAS A DOUBLE CERTIFICATE REGISTERED NURSE
BEFORE SHE ENTERED, COMPLETING HER MIDWIFERY AT THE
MATER HOSPITAL NORTH SYDNEY. THROUGHOUT HER ACTIVE
MINISTRY, ISABELLE WAS ONE OF THOSE GREAT FOUNDATION
WOMEN WE REMEMBER WELL, WHO WORKED IN MANY POSITIONS
THROUGHOUT OUR HEALTH CARE MINISTRY, AND WOULD HAVE
TENDED TO MANY IN NEED IN OTHER AREAS OF HER LIFE.

ALONGSIDE HER ACTIVE MINISTRY, SHE INVOLVED HERSELF IN
BIBLICAL STUDIES AND OTHER PROGRAMMES, WHICH SHE REALLY
ENJOYED.

AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VATICAN TWO, I WAS A MEMBER
OF THE COMMUNITY IN ADELAIDE WHERE ISABELLE WAS
SUPERIOR, AND I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THE TRUST SHE HAD IN
TRYING TO IMPLEMENT THE DIRECTION OF VATICAN TWO, WHEN
THERE WERE MAJOR ISSUES OCCURING WITHIN THE CHURCH AS A
RESULT. SHE SEEMED TO TAKE IT ALL IN HER STRIDE.

WHEN ISABELLE CAME TO GREVILLEA HOSTEL IN 1994, SHE BUSIED
HERSELF WITH MANY THINGS, AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE
HOSTEL TO THE NURSING HOME WHERE SHE SPENT HER LAST
FOUR YEARS.

MANY WHO WORKED WITH ISABELLE, AND MANY WHO KNEW HER
ALWAYS COMMENT ON THE GREAT INTEREST SHE WOULD SHOW IN
EACH PERSON, AND ENDEAVOURING TO HELP THEM IN ANY WAY
POSSIBLE. SHE WAS A GENTLE WOMAN WHO HELD VERY DEAR THE
HEART AND SPIRIT OF THE CONGREGATION AND THAT OF MARY
POTTER.

FOR ISABELLE IT SURELY MUST HAVE BEEN HARD TO HAVE BEEN
SO PATIENT IN THE LATTER YEARS, BUT SHE WAS, AND HOW HARD
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN

TODAY WE LAY A GREAT WOMAN TO REST, AND WE CELEBRATE
HER LIFE IN THANKSGIVING NOT FOR JUST WHAT SHE DID AND
CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION, BUT FOR WHO
SHE WAS, A PATIENT GENTLE WOMAN, MUCH LOVED BY HER
FAMILY, WHO THEY WILL NEVER FORGET, NOW PUT TO REST IN
THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE.

WE THANK YOU ISABELLE AND MAY YOU REST IN PEACE