

EULOGY FOR SR. JOSEPH HIGGINS

TODAY WE ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF A LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY WOMAN, WHO WAS LOVED AND RESPECTED BY MANY, OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH HER FAMILY HERE WITH US TODAY, AND ESPECIALLY THE LCM COMMUNITY OF THE MATERNAL HEART CONVENT, ALL THOSE HERE FROM DALTON GARDENS, SISTERS OF THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY, FRIENDS CARERS AND STAFF.



JOSEPH DID NOT WISH TO HAVE A EULOGY, AND THAT WILL BE RESPECTED, BUT ON BEHALF OF THE SISTERS OF THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY I WILL SAY A FEW WORDS OF THANKSGIVING OF FAREWELL TO HER.

JOSPEH OR JO AS SHE WAS ALSO KNOWN WAS A WOMAN OF GREAT DEPTH AND PRAYER ENTERING THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY IN 1944, TAKING FOR HER MOTTO FOR HER LIFE THE WORDS ***“LET THY HEART LIVE IN ME O MARY”***

THIS PROBABLY DEPICTED THE STRONG SENSE OF THE SPIRIT OF THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY THAT JOSEPH HELD, THE MATERNAL HEART OF MARY, AND THE SPIRIT OF MARY ON CALVARY STANDING BY HER DYING SON.

JOSEPH MADE HER MOTTO LIVE AND MADE IT ALIVE, THIS WAS EVIDENT IN HER OWN EXPRESSION OF LIFE AS A LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY SISTER.

SHE HELPED RE-SHAPE AND INITIATE MANY NEW CHALLENGES WITHIN OUR PROVINCE, AND WAS NO SHRINKING VIOLET AT OUR PROVINCE GATHERINGS OR MEETINGS, POINTING OUT HOW THINGS COULD BE BETTER, AND ENCOURAGING NEW BEGINNINGS AS SHE SAW THE VALUE OF CHANGE WHEN IT WOULD BENEFIT THE CONGREGATION.

WE THANK YOU JOSPEH FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY, YOUR MINISTRY IN KOREA IN PO-CHON, YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE LCM REFUGEE MINISTRY, AND THE BANKSTOWN MENS REFUGE, AND OTHER MINISTRIES OF THE LCM, THE MANY LEADERSHIP ROLES WHICH YOU UNDERTOOK

IN THE PROVINCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THE LAST PART OF YOUR LIFES JOURNEY HERE AT MATERNAL HEART CONVENT DALTON GARDENS, WHERE YOU HAD MANY FRIENDS, WHO ENJOYED YOUR WARM AND WELCOMNG HOSPITALITY AND YOUR FRIENDSHIP , WHO WOULD LOVE TO SIT AND HAVE A CHAT WITH YOU, AND WHO WILL MISS YOU VERY MUCH.

ON BEHALF OF THE SISTERS OF THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY, THANK YOU FOR BEING FOR OTHERS, THANK YOU FOR THE MANY ROSARYS YOU SAID FOR ALL OUR INTENTIONS, FOR THE SICK AND THE DYING, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE AS A TRUE AND FATHFUL DAUGHTER OF VENERABLE MARY POTTER, IN WAYS MANY OF US WOULD NOT KNOW ABOUT, FOR THOSE YOU HAVE SUPPORTED AND MENTORED OVER THE LAST 66 YEARS, AS OUR OWN FOUNDRRESS MARY POTTER SAID

“LET US LOOK UP TO HEAVEN, AND BEHOLD GODS MAGNIFICENT COURT, THE SPLENDOUR OF THE ANGELS CHOIR, THE GLORY OF THE SAINTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THEIR ETERNAL PEACE.”

AND NOW JOSEPH MAY YOU REST IN PEACE, AND THANK YOU, YOU WILL BE MISSED.