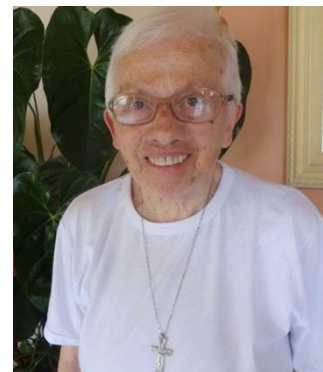




*"Faith in the resurrection
opens up fraternal communion
beyond the threshold of death ...".*

(RoL 24)



Today, 27 April 2026, at 6.40 am (local time)
in the community of "Betânia" – Caxias do Sul/RS (Brazil), our sister
AMÉLIA, Sr. MARIA DA GLÓRIA MIGOTT
has parted this earthly life.

She was 95 years old and 65 years of religious life.

"I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father." With these words from today's Gospel, we celebrate the Easter of our dear Sister Maria da Glória, who accepted and faithfully lived the call of the Good Shepherd to be a joyful and generous Pastorella. Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Jesus Good Shepherd: Sister Glória, after having celebrated this special feast for us Pastorelle many times in community and with the people of God, today concluded her earthly life by responding definitively to the call of the Good Shepherd, who knows her by name and welcomes her to receive the eternal reward.

Amélia was born on 21 March 1931 in Montenegro/RS, and was baptized in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Navigators in Garibaldi/RS on 30 March of the same year. She entered the Congregation on 7 March 1956 in Caxias do Sul, and entered the novitiate on 1 February 1959. She made her first religious profession on 2 February 1960, taking the name Maria da Glória, and her perpetual profession on 2 February 1965 also in Caxias do Sul.

Sr. Glória is described as a person of prayer, patient, good character and religious spirit, easy to live with, loved to welcome and serve people, and happy in her vocation as Pastorella. She loved to study and the apostolate, which she carried out well and with zeal, and she demonstrated love for the Congregation without fear of sacrifice.

After her first profession, she served in pastoral ministry in various communities, dedicating herself to catechesis, school, liturgy, and the formation of pastoral workers, with a particular focus on family ministry: 1960 in Piratuba – Torres/RS; 1962 in Fagundes Varela; 1963 in Canela/RS; 1965 in Bento Gonçalves/RS; 1972 in Caxias do Sul - S. Leopoldo; 1983 in Fagundes Varela/RS; 1984 in Cazuza Ferreira/RS. In 1990, in Caxias do Sul, she collaborated in the renovation of the new Provincial House; in 1997, she moved to Canela/RS. In 2012, she served in pastoral ministry in Campo Belo do Sul/SC, for as long as her health permitted.

In preparation for the celebration of her 50th anniversary of consecration, she wrote: *I praise and thank the Father who created me, who gave me life, life in love and joy... Help me, Mary, with your generous and available yes, that I may give my yes with the same generosity you had, and praise and bless your Son Jesus, who was born poor out of love... Grant me the grace to live united with you and your Son Jesus until the end of my days, under her protection. I want to love Jesus Good Shepherd ever more in the person of all God's people, the poor, the neediest. I am sure that the strength and grace of Him who wanted me to be His Pastorella will not fail me.*

Since 2015, her health became increasingly fragile, and she was warmly welcomed in the Betânia community to receive the necessary care. Despite the pain of no longer being able to participate directly in the apostolate, she lived the years of her illness in prayer and in the serene and daily offering of her life. We thank the sisters and external staff who cared for Sr. Gloria with dedication and generosity during this time, offering her care and loving support in her trials.

The sisters testify: *Sr Gloria had a passion for life and for all people. She was very happy with her life and her mission as a Pastorella. She cultivated a great love for beauty, nurturing beauty in celebrations and caring for the flowers in the church and the garden.*

She had a strong sense of hospitality and great spiritual depth, and she easily connected with the sisters and priests. She cared for life, nature, and the things of home... she loved visiting people and caring for the poor.

When she had to leave her direct mission with the people in Campo Belo do Sul, she suffered greatly but fully embraced her new phase in life. She was serene in coping with her illness and in this last period she burned herself out like a bright candle, silently welcoming the presence of those who visited her in the infirmary of Casa Betânia, where she was cared for with great love.

We thank the Good Shepherd for the life and vocation of Sister Gloria, a good and faithful Pastorella. As we entrust her to the Father's mercy, we ask for her intercession for vocations, whose World Day of Prayer we celebrated yesterday throughout the Church.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Melbourne (Australia), 27 April 2026
St Simeon, bishop of Jerusalem and martyr