

## **Sr. Eva Marie Bernal Briosos, FDZ**

- She was born in September 02, 1968 to Mr. Donato Beralde Briosos & Mrs. Nenita Bañez Briosos and spent most of her childhood and teen age life in their simple native place at 160 Torrijos St. Bangued Abra, Philipines.
- In March 1989, she earned her Bachelor's Degree of Arts (AB English) from the Divine Word College of Bangued, Abra and a year after (April 10, 1990) she entered in our congregation, among the Daughters of Divine Zeal and was accepted as a postulant in June 1, 1991 (Feast of our Blessed founder, Blessed Hannibal M. Di Francia); then became a novice in March 25, 1992. She made her First Profession of Vows in June 1, 1994 and then her Perpetual Profession on September 8, 2000.
- While in the Junior stage of Religious Formation, she diligently dedicated her time to engage in the pastoral ministries and teaching ministry of the different communities side by side with her study at the Divine Word College of Laoag where she graduated in July 1997 with a Master's Degree of Arts in Education (MAEd).
- Her educational preparations had actually helped paved the way for her to venture with profound love and joy in the Education Ministry where she served most as teacher in the different FDZ communities (Vintar: 1994-96, Bugallon: 1996-97, St. Joseph: 1999-2000 & Marikina) and even extended to the Divine Word College of Laoag (DWCL) administered by the SVD in 1997.
- After her One year of International Juniorate in Rome (2000-2001), she came back to the Philippines and continued serving in the Education Ministry, this time as a committed School Principal from 2001-2009 in Marikina.
- Unexpectedly, after these years, she was challenged by some Physiological and Psychological imbalances and so she had to withdraw from some commitments and limited herself to helping in private short tutorial classes and taking charge of the Parlor (info/front desk of MND & Marikina) and in animating the Holy Mass.
- In 2017, she was operated of Myoma and it was the moment also that she was discovered to have been journeying with the sickness of CANCER-High Grade Serious Carcinoma Stage IIIA so that she had to undergo some treatment and cycles of Chemotherapy, etc of which through God's mercy, she was able to surpass and so enjoyed back the normal life. Unfortunately, in January of 2019, the sickness recurred and had metastasized in her liver and some parts of the body. With all the suggested treatment and without having the assurance of the non-recurrence of the disease, Sr. Eva Marie understood well of the limited and vague road to healing and recovery, she personally decided with deep discernment and explicitly wrote a letter to the Provincial Superior *not to go through the medical processes but instead rely on the healing hand of the Creator who has given her*

*life, on the prayers and support, care and love of the sisters; with faith of carrying suffering with that of Jesus for one's purification and for the Rogate (dtd June 2,2020)*

- Recently, May 24- June 6, 2021 she was confined in the Medical city Hospital- Ortigas, Ave, Pasig City due to drastic spread of the Ovarian Cancer & serious impression in the Colon that caused her to undergo Colonoscopy. Although, it offered her temporary comfort, her condition was getting worse and with her consent, we brought her home in Marikina convent where nurses and sisters take turns to stay at her bedside with prayers and songs until she breathed her last in June 8, 2021 at about 2:05 in the afternoon.
- Our beloved sister who never complained about her sickness, never been heard of moaning hard because of pain instead expressed it only in her daily prayer/reflections and bore it with much endurance in order not to give worries to the people around her (*Personal prayer, February 9, April 27-May 1,2021*) and to show her acceptance of the will of God.
- Farewell to our devoted educator, passionate guitarist, person of photographic memory and detailed in chronicling events/stories. Rest in God's peace and loving embrace. Thanks for the life you shared with us.
- We are one with you in celebrating your feast in heaven!
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