



Sister Pauline Cogan SM

26/6/1933 -27/10/2023

Born on 26th June 1933, Pauline was the youngest of eleven girls and two boys born to Delia and Anthony Cogan of Ballindoon, Boyle, Co Sligo. She received her early years education at Annagh Primary school and her secondary education at the Marist Convent School in Carrick on Shannon. Drawn to Marist religious life Pauline began her Novitiate on 18th August 1954 in Saint Brigid's Novitiate Carrick and professed her first vows on 19th August 1955. Her final profession was celebrated in Nympsfield on 22nd August 1960.

Professional training followed and on graduating as a State Registered Nurse at Dollis Hill Hospital in London, Pauline embarked on a journey of many years, caring for the sick in hospitals and on the district, where her dedication, skill and commitment was widely recognised. This ministry took her to Manchester, Paignton, Ottery and Fulham.

Pauline gave generously of her best, with love and kindness in whatever situation she found herself. She brought commitment, dedication and joy. She loved the Rosary which in her own words 'powered her mission in bringing the good news of the Gospel to God's people'.

On retirement from her nursing ministry, Pauline took up the role of Parish Sister in Saint Gabriel's Church, Upper Holloway, London. She was especially devoted to the elderly and sick people and brought joy to all she visited, be it in hospital, nursing home or in their own homes. She engaged fully and took a leading role in many parish activities – catechetics, choir, celebrations, liturgy planning etc. and was sadly missed after fourteen years of devoted service.

A most versatile and outgoing person Pauline was always ready for a new challenge and among those she was called to, included the role of Guest Mistress for the pilgrims at Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham and the Marist Mission in South Wales where she joined the already flourishing ministry of evangelisation and renewal with her customary enthusiasm and generosity.

In 2015 due to failing health, Pauline joined the Villa Maria Community in Hythe and there embarked on what was to be her last great challenge as her health gradually deteriorated. She was lovingly cared for by the staff and supported by the community. With great courage Pauline endured the rigors of her illness, gently and peacefully, until she breathed her last, in the early hours of 26th October 2023.

Rest in peace dear Pauline; we rejoice that you are finally at rest in the Lord whom you served with a lifelong fidelity. May you continue to sing your favourite your favourite Marian chant:

'O we love you Mary, trusting all to thee
What is past and present
what is yet to be'

