



Celebrating the life of a prayerful warrior, 106!

Sr. Christopher Ruth Angell CJ has died at 106 years of age. She died on 28 July 2023 at St. Ignatius, Chishawasha where she was being taken care of since 2018. Her remains were on 31 July 2023, interred at Chishawasha cemetery next to the grave of her companion in the Lord, Sr. Thoma von Dahl CJ.

Born in England in 1916, Sr. Christopher entered the convent in 1934 and started her novitiate on 8 September 1935. She then took her first vows on 8 September 1937, and in October of the same year she began University studies majoring in science. Sr. Christopher started her teaching career in 1940 soon after completing her degree at Reading University. She came to Zimbabwe already as a retired Sister in 1972 after she has been working for 32 years as a teacher and headmistress in Cambridge. The late Sr. Christopher was characterized as “a woman of two lives” after having lived for 56 years in the Northern hemisphere and almost the same years in the Southern hemisphere.

Sr. Christopher was a gifted teacher from the words of her students. She was also kind and a thorough formator who desired to pass on the spirit of Mary Ward. “But it is worth noting her passion in building libraries where ever she was,” said Fr.



David Harrold Barry SJ in his sermon. According to Fr. Barry, the late Sr. Christopher wanted the sisters to read and expand their horizons so that they keep up with the developments in the Church and in the world. He said: “In an age when people are satisfied with brief messages and ‘sound bites’ in social media, we can honour her memory by paying attention to this aspect of her legacy.”

Many speakers confirmed that Sr. Christopher taught them to be grateful even in small things as she would appreciate even the smallest gestures shown by all who visited her. “Thanks awfully,” was her everyday mantra as she exchanged a greeting with those who came to see her or whenever she received a gesture of love. Sr. Jane Livesay CJ from the English Province came from England to bid farewell to Sr. Christopher and in her speech she shared the memories they had together and Sr Christopher commitment to Zimbabwe. Her Physical presence will be greatly missed. May her soul Rest in Peace.

Fondly remembered, sadly missed!



“Friends remember Mary Ward said it is an honour to work for God”. These were the words Mr Nazombe constantly said when the Friends of Mary Ward were planning to render some works of charity to the underprivileged. He would be trying to encourage the friends to forgo their plans and do what Mary Ward would have done in the same situation.

Who is Felix Nazombe? Born on 23 August 1955, in Malawi and spend most his time working in Zimbabwe till his death on 27 July 2023. He became the icon of Friends of Mary Ward Zimbabwe since its formation in 2012. Mr Nazombe participated in the drafting of the constitution which is being used today. He was the first person to chair the executive board and remained an active member until the time of his death. He was dedicated to the association and never missed a meeting or a retreat. He had fallen in love with the Jesuits hence he encouraged that the retreat master should be a Jesuit. During these events Mr Nazombe always encouraged the members to go on working for the greater glory of God.

Mr Felix Nazombe was very instrumental in the formation of Norton Region and was one of the chief speakers on the official launch. Today the Norton Region has grown and is doing tremendous works of charity. He was now advocating starting another association in Nesigwe and Mozambique. Unfortunately, death robed him before he could make it possible. And now this is a challenge to the remaining friends to see that this has been accomplished.

Having seen the association in Zimbabwe had gained momentum both in Kwekwe, Harare and Norton, Mr Nazombe thought of having regalia which was to be worn whenever we meet as Friends of Mary Ward. He suggested we produce some material. The first production was done and has gone a long way today. The regalia is to be worn in all our functions, funerals, retreats etc. He would encourage us to wear the regalia with pride. He loved the last regalia for the Beatification of Mary Ward because he was looking forward to see Mary Ward beatified.

How was he described by other members of the association? Mr Nazombe was seen as a father and advisor during his leadership tenure and even after. Other members saw him as a humble and straightforward loving person. He encouraged honest and truthfulness. He was an accountant par excellence. He was described as a G.O.A.T (Greatest of all time) Mr Nazombe was a comedian. He loved to make jokes. One member said he

remembered in Chishawasha when he was told by Mr Nazombe that he had come for 'Come and See'. Therefore, he should not leave. The member is still with us and very active.

Friends went to describe him as a passionate person who loves accountability and good governance across the board. He worked hard in all fundraising projects. There was need to fundraise a trip to Spain in 2014 for a conference of Friends of Mary Ward worldwide where he had to represent the association in Zimbabwe. I remember joining him together with Mrs Fadzi. I remember he would constantly remind us to shine as Zimbabweans and we did.



What did he like to do as a member? Mr Nazombe loved to share the spirituality of Mary Ward to new members. The history of Mary Ward was on his fingertips. He will be greatly missed for this. He was a friendly person who would interact with everyone and loved the CJ sisters. He was passionate of the Mary Ward Friends. He will be missed by all, may his soul rest in peace.

Cherish God's vocation in you. Let it be constant, efficacious, and affectionate" ~ MW



On the 22nd of April the Mary Ward family from the Zim-Moza Region gathered at St Marys Amaveni to celebrate with Sr. Elizabeth Gotore's 25 years in religious life. The Silver Jubilee celebration was graced by the presence of fellow religious sisters from the Congregatio Jesu and Sr Mary Gitau IBVM from Kenya, Dominicans, and SJI sisters. The Rev Bishop of Gweru Diocese Rudolf Nyandoro presided over the Eucharistic celebration.

The Homilist Fr. Musendeki challenged us to be like clay in the potter's hands. The invitation and challenge was to continuously allow God to remould and reshape us. In as much as this was directly addressed to Sr. Elizabeth as words of encouragement on her continued path of growth as a religious, it was very much applicable to each one of us. He gave a reference of how a clay pot has to be burnt in order to be strengthened, hard times are not meant to lead us to despair but as fortifiers of faith.



The celebration was unique and lively. A heart-warming poem was recited by the shining bright minds from Amaveni Children's Home dedicated to Sr. Gotore. A performance from the Methodist Youths who sang and drummed touched the hearts of many. The day was indeed a memorable one. It was a day of praising and singing songs of gratitude to God. After Holy Mass all were invited for a delicious meal.

It was a really great day with inspirational Holy Mass, inspiring songs and lively dances, delicious food and wonderful people. We really enjoyed the celebration, it was full of warmth, joy and laughter. We thank God for the gift of Sr. Elizabeth in our congregation and for the many lives she has touched. May God bless her abundantly.



Mother General and Sr. Pratima's Visitation to Zimbabwe



St Joseph Chishawasha with Sr. Veronica our Mother General

In May 2023 the Zim-Moza Region had a privilege to be visited by Sr. Veronica our Mother General and Sr. Pratima her assistant for the regional leader consultation process. They moved around all the Zim-Moza communities in the company of Sr. Maria Goretti our Regional leader. All the CJ members in Zimbabwe and Mozambique had an opportunity to meet Sr. Veronica and Sr. Pratima for the first time. Their visitation was a blessing to the whole region. They radiated joy, happiness, sisterly love, and positivity. We are very grateful for their visit.



Amaveni Community at table with Srs Veronica and Pratima



Sr. Veronica and Sr. Pratima at Mary Ward Secondary School with the staff



Sr. Veronica and Sr. Pratima at Mary Ward Primary School with the learners



Sr. Veronica and Sr. Pratima with the Noviciate community

Forgiveness Is the *Foundation* for Reconciliation

Road posts signs and humps are crucial on any road. It was blessed time for us as the CJ members



in the Zim-Moza Region to reach a stop sign and reflect together with Sr. Mary Gitau IBVM on ‘Reconciliation and forgiveness’. The vocation to religious life is a personal

journey and a personal call. Just as the journey has its ups and downs, so does religious life. The hallmark we were reminded to keep is diligence in decision making, to make the

right choice always, lest you get lost along the way. One needs courage to move and remain on the journey.

Sr Mary Highlighted that, we are given a time to create a good relationship with God. It is a period of transformation. It has nothing to do with what others say about me; I must be myself and focus on my spiritual journey. The transformation should be my attitude toward myself, my attitude toward authority, my attitude toward

material things, and my attitude toward one another.



The facilitator also focused on how to manage relationships with others in community life and to be at peace with each other. We are all encouraged to be approachable and to have the courage to approach one

another so as to settle our differences.

Sr. Mary emphasised the importance of understanding and accepting our uniqueness and move on with life. It is up to an individual to create a healthy and joyous community worth living.



The going was not easy but the Almighty God made it possible. Srs. Leocadia, Charity and Easter Gamundani completed their tertiary education and graduated during the course of 2023. Their studies were heavily

affected by Covid 19 restrictions, however they managed to sail through. They appreciated the support and inspiration they got from the congregation and all the benefactors. They hope that the knowledge they gained will help them serve the congregation and the Church more effectively.



Srs Charity (Degree in ICT and Business Management) and Leocadia (Degree in Development Studies) on their graduation Day at Catholic University on the 14th of May 2023

Sr. Ester graduated at Zimbabwe Institute of HIV & AIDS Trust (Diploma in counselling)

Mary Ward High Laboratory in Progress

A laboratory block under construction at Mary Ward High School. The laboratory block is of paramount importance to the school and the community at large. Science Labs provide students

with various opportunities to learn and experiment, which plays a crucial role in the ongoing intellectual development of students at any academic level. We appreciate the help we get from all our

benefactors through Sr. Gonzaga CJ. The love she has for Zimbabwe is greatly appreciated, may the Almighty God bless her and all our friends and supporters abundantly.



A big thank you for this huge gift to us, this will make a difference to the poor and vulnerable people in our country. Our next project will be a 3rd Classroom Block for Form 5 & 6.





A CJ member who joined Zim-Moza Region

In February 2023 the Zim-Moza Region had a new CJ member on board from Brazil. Sr. Eliana Eliana Dias Correia Lima joined Mozambique community and she is helping at Escola Secundaria Inacio de Loyola (ESIL) and doing different pastoral activities. Elena is staying with Srs. Magna and Maria Kalonga. We appreciate her commitment and availability. We wish her a good stay with us. It is a pleasure to the region to have her among us. May she continue to be blessed in her apostolate.

Sr. Eliana teaching



Sr. Eliana writes!

I have been in Mozambique for six months in the Diocese of Tete, in the district of Tsangano in Chividzi area. This is an extremely poor region, and one of the biggest challenges is teaching students to speak Portuguese, which is the official language of the country, because many of them speak the native language Chichewa.

The Zimbabwean sisters whom I am living with, speaks English and Shona, which makes the mission challenging and unsettling, as the people always demand from us constant learning and openness to the new that surprises us. My mission field centres around school and boarding school. I accompany the students, especially the girls, who are the most disadvantaged due to their condition of being a woman. They are constantly excluded and forced to remain silent in the face of cases of harassment, psychological and sexual abuse.

Within this reality, I teach classes in Portuguese language and mathematics, and I collaborate in giving catechesis in preparation for the first communion. With the community, we participate in masses at the parish but at the present moment we still don't understand well the local language.

From afar we are united in this universal body of the Congregatio Jesu, united in prayer, heart, and mind, following in the footsteps of Mary Ward and realizing her dream that "Women would do great things in the future". Here we are ready for mission. A loving hug to all.



Sr. Maria Kalonga working with women and children in Mozambique





Srs. Magna, Eliana and Maria in Mozambique



A time to withdraw from every day activities



Mary Ward friends and some CJ sisters had an annual retreat at Chiginya House in Kwekwe. The theme of the retreat was finding God in all things. The retreat was facilitated by Br Musemwa and he encouraged the retreatants not to lose hope due to

the challenges, hardships, trials and tribulations we encounter in life. He stressed that Mary Ward was an audacious women and we must also follow her footsteps so that we can endure all the hardships we face especially here in our country.



Men and Women for others



Mary Ward Children's Home celebrates Africa Day with A BANG!!!!!!

On the 25th of May 2023 Mary Ward Children's Home had Africa day celebrations. The day was commenced with mass and then followed by celebrations. We had an opportunity to conscientise our children on the African culture and symbols. Africa day is very crucial to all Africans since it an opportunity to celebrate African diversity and success, and to highlight the cultural and economic potential that exists on the African continent².

Africa Day has become a day of celebration for Africans and people of African descent all over the world and has even morphed into Africa Month which is celebrated throughout the month of May.



AFRICA

25TH MAY

DAY

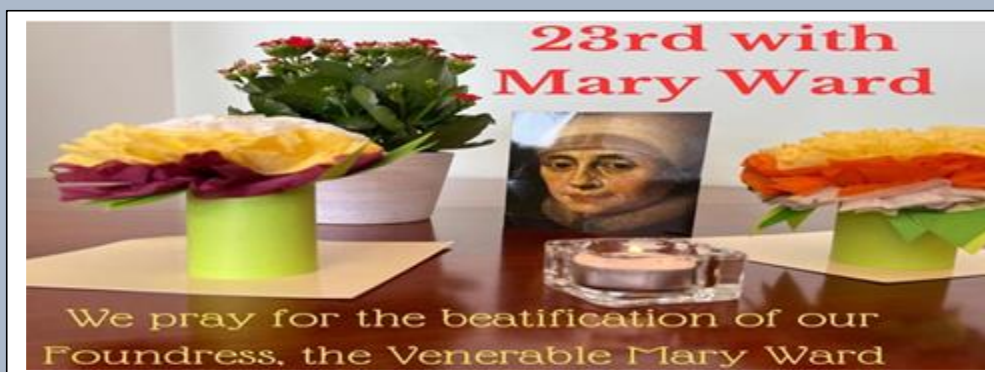
Living the synodal message of communion, participation and mission we pray and remember in a special way:

- ❖ The victims of conflicts and wars
- ❖ Those infected and affected by the Covid 19 pandemic
- ❖ Mary Ward's Beatification
- ❖ CJ and IBVM on Becoming One
- ❖ Deceased members of the Mary Ward Family and our families
- ❖ Our benefactors
- ❖ The sick and suffering
- ❖ Our country as we prepare for 2023 elections
- ❖ The intentions of our Pope
- ❖ The intentions of our Mary Ward Family

Congratulations!

- ❖ Sr. Elizabeth Gotore who celebrated 25th anniversary in religious life
- ❖ Sr. Greater for renewal of vows
- ❖ Srs. Leocadia, Easter Gamundani and Charity who completed tertiary studies and graduated
- ❖ Srs. Patience and Greater who started tertiary studies at Bondolfi Teachers College
- ❖ Srs. Caroline, Charlene and Nomatter for completing their online certificate in Theology at Hekima University, Kenya.

Venerable Mary Ward Pray for us and give us your spirit



CJ feast days

1.	Sr Priscilla Chinyere CJ	16 January
2.	Sr Charlene Makuzha CJ	25 January
3.	Sr Agatha Magaya CJ	05 February
4.	Sr Eliana Dias CJ	06 February
5.	Sr Josephine Nyikadzino CJ	08 February
6.	Sr Bernadette Takaendesa CJ	11 February
7.	Sr Beauty. B Machona CJ	11 February
8.	Sr Memory Magege CJ	11 February
9.	Sr Talent Magwendere CJ	26 February
10.	Sr Tendai. E Chirhomoh CJ	13 March
11.	Sr Ester Gamundani CJ	25 March
12.	Sr Aleta Dube CJ	1 st Sunday after Easter
13.	Sr Charity Munjanja CJ	1 st Sunday after Easter
14.	Sr Valeria Chirhomoh CJ	28 April
15.	Sr- Evelyn Muse CJ	29 April
16.	Sr Grace Hapanyengwi	7 May
17.	Sr Nokuthula Dube CJ	13 May
18.	Sr Ester Jaravaza CJ	24 May
19.	Sr Patience Rwodzi CJ	24 May
20.	Sr Tendai Chirume CJ	31 May
21.	Sr Irene Gunda CJ	28 June
22.	Sr Lethel Tavengwa CJ	28 June
23.	Sr M. Goretti Mudhovizi CJ	06 July
24.	Sr Veronica Rufurwokuda CJ	12 July
25.	Sr Caroline Shonhiwa CJ	17 July
26.	Sr Anna Jinga CJ	26 July
27.	Sr Brenda Mapambe CJ	06 August
28.	Sr Magna Maminimini CJ	15 August
29.	Sr Greater Gladys CJ	22 August
30.	Sr Rosemary Matsvimbo CJ	23 August
31.	Sr Monika Mujera	27 August
32.	Sr Talent Gamuchirai Waduka CJ	05 September
33.	Sr Nomatter Maposa CJ	05 September
34.	Sr Regina Makwiramiti CJ	07 September
35.	Sr Maria Kalonga CJ	08 September
36.	Sr Kudzanai Chiteka CJ	14 September
37.	Sr Hildegardis Chimhanda CJ	17 September

38.	Sr M. Mercy Shumbamhini CJ	24 September
39.	Sr Tariro Ncube CJ	01 October
40.	Sr Florence Gandashanga CJ	05 October
41.	Sr Faith Dhlamini CJ	06 October
42.	Sr Salome Mateko CJ	22 October
43.	Sr Tabeth Marezva CJ	25 October
44.	Sr Irene Matindike CJ	01 November
45.	Sr Elizabeth Gotore CJ	19 November
46.	Sr Mary Chironga CJ	08 December
47.	Sr Angeline Mudondo CJ	08 December
48.	Sr Leocadia Mutizira CJ	09 December