

In Memory of our Dear Sr. Veronica Tang



永遠懷念可敬的鄧偉英修女







Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

### Vigil Prayers 守靈祈禱

Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 6:00pm St Francis Xavier Parish -- 438 Great Northern Way, Vancouver B.C. V5T 4S5

#### Mass of Christian Burial 殯葬彌撒

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 10:30am St Francis Xavier Parish -- 438 Great Northern Way, Vancouver B.C. V5T 4S5

### Interment 土葬禮

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 12:30pm Gardens of Gethsemani -- 15800 32 Ave, Surrey, B.C. V3S 9V1

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# 鄧偉英修女

## **SISTER VERONICA TANG**



「看!上主的婢女,願照你的話成就於我罷!」 路1:38

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."

Luke 1:38

June 8, 1940 -- December 12, 2023

## 鄧偉英修女生平事略

鄧偉英修女於 1940 年出生,自小追隨父母在香港居住,受教育。約在 1958 年,鄧修女在聖母潔心會屬下的秀茂坪幼兒中心工作,受到潔心會的修女感染,有志跟隨。惟當時她的父母信奉佛教,受到很大的阻力。她的神師教導她向大聖若瑟祈禱,她非常聽命及用心祈求,她的禱告終於被接納。在 1961 年,父親終於簽紙,讓她離家進入聖母潔心會,她當時 21 歲。經歷為保守生,初學生,並於 1964年發永願。

她發願後在屬會繼續工作,她非常好學,利用工餘時間進修,曾經 於香港珠海書院就讀及遠赴英國倫敦去深造英語及教育。

在 1983 年聖方濟堂主任司鐸盧湛明神父向聖母潔心會邀請修女來 溫哥華服務,修會派了三位修女到溫哥華,鄧修女是其中的一位, 在當年7月開始為本堂區服務。

初到溫哥華時,鄧修女不只在堂區服務,也參與善會,教道理及幼兒服務。堂區的幼兒中心重建期間,要暫遷往另一地方,她不遺餘力做到最好。隨著聖方濟幼兒中心完成,於1986年,在盧神父帶領之下,在高貴林買下一所會院,並於1994年在修道院旁興建了一所新的幼兒教育服務中心。至今,在鄧修女的帶領下,幼兒中心的管理與辦學受到各界人士讚賞。

在最近的一兩年間,鄧修女的身體急速退化,為了樣她有更理想的專人照顧,修女在今年暑假已遷往老人院。

鄧修女非常孝愛聖母並在有能力時讚美天主,讚美聖母,因此聖母特別在她的日子內,(即瓜達盧佩聖母瞻禮)接回鄧修女,讓她安息主懷,不用受苦。鄧修女在人世間的旅程已經完結,我們永遠懷念她在堂區內無私的貢獻。願鄧修女在天主懷抱繼續為我們祈禱,讚美天主,亞肋路亞。

### SISTER VERONICA TANG'S OBITUARY

Sr. Veronica Tang was born on June 8, 1940 and was raised in Hong Kong. In 1958, Sr. Veronica found work at the Daycare Centre in Sau Mau Ping operated by a subsidiary of The Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Influenced by the sisters, Sr. Veronica was inspired to join the missionaries but her decision was objected by her parents who were Buddhists. Under the guidance of her spiritual director, she diligently prayed to St. Joseph for his intercession to change the hearts of her parents. Her fervent prayers were heard and received. In 1961, her father agreed to let her enter the Convent of the Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary. At twenty-one, Sr. Veronica entered her lifelong journey as a religious nun and proclaimed her wows in 1964.

In the early stage of her life as a religious, Sr. Veronica continued to work at the daycare. She showed keen interests in learning and would expand her horizon through continued education in English and Early Childhood Education which had taken her to Chu Hai College, Hong Kong and London, England.

In 1983, Fr. Aloysius Lou, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, requested pastoral care from the congregation of Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sr. Veronica was among the three sisters who were sent from the Hong Kong chapter to help the parish; they began their mission in July of the same year.

In her early years at St Francis Xavier, Sr. Veronica was actively involved in various parish communities, catechism and daycare services. During the construction stage, the daycare was moved to a temporary facility. Sr. Veronica demonstrated her best, giving attention to every detail. After the childcare center's completion in 1986, Father Lou assisted in purchasing a Convent in Coquitlam for the sisters. Subsequently, a new daycare center was constructed next to the convent which began its operation in 1994 under the name "Immaculate Heart Early Childhood Education Center". The extensive educational programs and operations of the daycare center under Sr. Veronica's direction and leadership has received much public acclaims.

The health of Sr. Veronica declined rapidly during the past two years. She entered a nearby nursing home this summer where she may receive better care and monitoring.

Sr. Veronica passed away peacefully on the evening of December 12th at eighty-three, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Blessed Mother Mary, Patroness of the Americas. Because of her devotion to the blessed mother, the merciful Lord had granted her passage on this commemorative date. Sr. Veronica is dearly missed; she will always have a special place in our hearts. May she partake in the Lord's eternal banquet in heaven and continue to pray for us. We praise the Lord, Our God. Hallelujah.