



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

All Souls' Day - November 2, 2016

In Memoriam: Sr. Veronica Louis' Ministry of Love

"God calls each of us to be a missionary. We can't all serve Him the same way. We need each other to do God's will in our lives and in the lives of others. You are important. You are called to be missionaries no matter what walk of life you are in." ~ Sr. Veronica Louis, OSF

Dear Friend,

On November 2, the faithful join in prayer for the souls of the deceased as we celebrate All Souls' Day. This special day is a time for us to feel united in love with family and friends who have passed away.

Every Franciscan Sister of Allegany who has been welcomed into the arms of the Lord was unique in her way of living out the Gospel. I would like to dedicate this appeal to one in particular who was instrumental in the mission and ministry of the St. Elizabeth Mission Society: Sr. Veronica Louis, OSF.

I met Sr. Veronica for the first time in December 2014, two months after I started my position. What I will always remember fondly is her description of how she started as a missionary in Brazil. After completing her novitiate work in 1947, she was assigned to join a few other Allegany



*In Loving Memory –
Sr. Veronica Louis, OSF*

Sept. 1, 1922 - May 8, 2016

In her 70 years as a Franciscan Sister of Allegany, Sr. Veronica educated children in Brazil and Bolivia, was a tireless fundraiser for the St. Elizabeth Mission Society and had an endless love for those who are poor.

Departed Loved Ones to Be Remembered

Please remember the following persons on All Souls' Day and all the Masses offered during the month of November at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse Chapel in Allegany, NY.

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Franciscans in a part of the world that was still unknown to many. On a dark night in New York City's harbor, she and another Sister waved good-bye to some fellow Sisters to embark on their long journey to Brazil in a commercial Danish fruit boat. She said "we didn't know our heads from our feet, but we went anyway."

With a zealous love for all, Sr. Veronica spent 20 years in Brazil, establishing the Catholic educational system, educating children and ministering to the poor in any way needed. She then spent another 12 years in Bolivia before returning to the U.S. in 1979.

During her time as a field representative for St. Elizabeth Mission Society, Sr. Veronica drove her car 50,000 miles per year to visit churches and talk about the missions. At her wake last May, many people shared their memories of how her stories of the children in Brazil and Bolivia compelled people to take the last dollars out their wallets to put in the collection. Sr. Veronica shared this same message of helping the poor during school visits where she invited the children to help the missions by bringing in their pennies.

Let us remember Sr. Veronica and all the souls of the departed on All Souls' Day and throughout the month of November as Mass and prayers are offered at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse. We would invite you to remember your loved ones by placing their names on the form provided and returning it to us.

The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and all involved with the St. Elizabeth Mission Society thank God for you every day. You have helped our Sisters minister to those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia and the U.S. As always, your gifts help further the work of our Sisters in their call to live out the Gospel.

Many blessings to you during this special time of remembrance,

Laura C. Whitford

Laura Whitford
President, St. Elizabeth Mission Society



"We had to be everything to everybody. People couldn't be born without us, couldn't die without us. We had to be present to them in every way."

~ Sr. Veronica



What is your legacy?

Please consider including the St. Elizabeth Mission Society in your estate planning. Naming us as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy or retirement plan will further our work for future generations.

Please accept the enclosed donation in remembrance of my departed loved ones. In their names, may the needs of those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia and the U.S. be met by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany.

I am enclosing my gift of: \$200 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other

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