



## Obituary

**Sr Adelinde Ostheimer OP**

27.05.1929 - 13.12.2020



You are the salt of the earth.  
You are the light of the world.

cf. Matthew 5, 13-16



Sr. Adelinde Ostheimer OP was born on 27 May 1929 in Pflaumheim near Großostheim (Germany) as the oldest of twelve siblings. At her baptism, her parents gave her the name of Paula Theresia. After completing eight years of elementary school, she worked in her father's tailoring business until 1950 and trained as a tailor. During this time she also attended vocational school.

When she joined our Congregation in Neustadt am Main in 1950, she brought with her a sense of responsibility and practical life skills and her tailoring expertise. After completing her postulancy and novitiate, Sr Adelinde made her First Profession on 29 April 1952. During this time, she worked in the sewing room. In 1954, she was employed in the housekeeping section at the Freckenhorst / Westphalia youth and adult education centre for one year and made her Final Profession on 5 May 1955. In 1956, she was transferred to Oakland / California (USA). Here she worked as a tailor and seamstress in the House of Study of the Dominican Friars. At that time, many men entered the Dominican Order. Sr. Adelinde sewed two habits for each novice, sometimes up to twenty in a short time. She also made habits for the older friars. She was hardworking and tireless. During this time, she was also the Superior of the Sisters of the convent.

In 1974, Sr. Adelinde was elected Regional Superior and, until 1980, also took over the management of our newly built retirement home in Mountain View. After a two-year pastoral theology course at Berkeley, she returned to Oakland where she took on duties in the laundry and the sewing room. She then took part in a clinical pastoral care programme in Tucson, Arizona, for two more years and worked in pastoral care. She returned to Oakland again before she was transferred to Oberá (Argentina) in 1984. There again, she was made the Superior of the Sisters and became involved in the care of the elderly. During home leave in Germany in 1986, Sr. Adelinde was

elected Prioress by the community in Neustadt for two terms, and from 1993 - 2000 she served as Prioress of the community in Diessen. After her time as Prioress, she worked in the pastoral care of the elderly in the care facilities of Bad Brückenau until 2006, before she retired in Diessen in 2017 and assisted in the kitchen as far as possible. When Sr. Adelinde needed nursing care herself, she was admitted to the Caritas Senior Centre St. Martin in Lohr, where she died on 13 December 2020.

Sr. Adelinde lived in deep relationship with Christ and was a life-affirming, courageous, loyal, energetic and practical woman. She often seemed tireless in her work for the people to whom she was called - for the poor and, in a special way, also for her fellow Sisters. In the end, she was left with almost nothing but inner, silent prayer. This is how she brought people with their needs before God.

We are grateful for the testimony of her life and trust that she will now be fully united with her God and that she will be our advocate with God.

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