

# MISSION NEWS

**Augustinian Sisters, Servants of Jesus & Mary**  
Founded by *Mother Teresa Spinelli*



being young challenged them during the term of Sr Julie's illness and especially during Sr Julie's time in the palliative stage. Each member of the commun



ity there needs to be praised for the dedication they showed to maintaining Sr Julie's care – especially in the last month or so. Their management of bed side vigils often meant that many of them kept bed side vigils and still maintained the rigors of the life there – the waking early, the preparing of the Retreatant meals & needs, the normal schooling.

Everyone gave as much as they could and were a true witness for those people who were not members of the community – many, many of them spoke of the dedication and love shown Sr Julie throughout.

I ask that you, who read this newsletter, keep our sisters in your prayers as they continue life with the absence of Sr Julie who had a major role in the formation of the young sisters.

**Sr.Lorraine**

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Dear Sponsors,

I write having just returned from the Philippines.

Unfortunately, my visit there was a quick and sad one. On the 8th of October, one of our young sisters – **Sr Julie Lo Franco** passed away after battling a long illness.

It was decided that both myself and Sr Cres travel to the Philippines as representatives of both Mothers' General, Provincial and the Filipino sisters who are working in other countries.

Our stay was very short – 4 days. However, what we experienced in those short days will be forever remembered.



**SR JULIE LO FRANCO**  
**30/7/1967-**  
**8/10/2016**

The nuns were very grateful for having had us represent the wider members of the Congregation. Their isolation from the core of the Congregation was somewhat softened by our continual telling them of how the Filipino communities are at the heart of the Congregation through the difficult days of grieving. The average age of the Filipinos being quite young and their experience in religious life also

**NEW MOTHER PROVINCIAL & Councilors**



Over the Maltese summer months, chosen members our Maltese province

came together to review our past, present and future. More importantly, part of that work was to elect a new Leadership group. **Sr Rachel Frendo** has been elected to lead our Congregation for the coming 6 years. Assisting her, are council members: **Sr Sandra Gauci, Sr Marvic Saliba, Sr Grace Debattista, Sr Miriam Grech, Sr Marica Briffa, Sr Atanasia Buhagiar.** Our good wishes go with this new team as they carry each one of us in their hearts.

**ANNOUNCED VENERABLE:  
one step closer to sainthood**



With heartfelt JOY we share with you all the wonderful and great news that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has signed the decree with which he declared our dear Mother Foundress **VENERABLE!!!!** Let us glorify and thank God for this great gift for the Church and for all of us! Let us pray and try to be worthy daughters of this great woman! Truly, THANKS BE TO GOD.

Mother Teresa Spinelli – a wife, a mother, a Religious, led a life of suffering, but of complete faith in God.

Prayers through her intercession will, no doubt, find their way to the God she so loved and lived for. If you wish to know more about her life or copies of novenas to her, please ask one of the Sisters or, alternatively, look at our webpage:

[www.asjmoz.org](http://www.asjmoz.org)

*Sr Lermie, Sr Yol, Sr Cres with some of our children. Over the past months, our sisters have received children whose parents have died, one who was found amongst rubbish, another who was rescued from Child trafficking.*

*The day myself and Sr Cres flew out of the Philippines, our orphanage received a newborn and triplets that makes the present total of orphans under our care to 31.*

***“Love and respect them equally, as children dear to God... all destined to be Princes and Princesses of God’s Paradise.***

*(Mother Teresa Spinelli)*

