

Blessing

on

50th Anniversary
of your
Religious Profession

27th January 2018



SR ELIZABETH WALL, RSC

Dear Lizzie,

Congratulations on reaching your Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession as a Sister of Charity. I hearken back to 2nd July 1965 and the young woman from the Western Suburbs of Sydney arriving at Wahroonga NSW to begin her Novitiate. You stood out as a mature woman of tall and elegant stature. You arrived having completed your General Nurse Training at St Joseph's Hospital Auburn and all that mattered now was to begin your formation as a Sister of Charity and vowing your life to God. And this was accomplished. You emerged a very prayerful, common-sensed woman. Following your Profession as a Sister of Charity on 27th January 1968 you were called to minister in the healing ministry of Christ and remained faithful to that ministry, giving yourself as Superior, Sister Administrator, Community Nurse, Sisters of Charity Outreach – always listening for where God was calling you to serve and responding graciously.

Lizzie you are such a good woman and Sister of Charity– great sense of humour, gracious to all whom you encounter, humble, generous. I feel at times your humility made you hide your light under a bushel.

To your family, you were simply Liz! The seventh of eight children. Your warmth and love stemmed from your being loved and accepted in your family. And Jane Frances was such a special lady wasn't she? Loved by you, loved by us.

And here you are at St Joseph's Village - 'back home' so to speak. The place where you began. Wherever you are, you are a living example of being a joyful Gospel person. You are called upon often to celebrate special occasions with the residents. You love them and they so love you. You are a God-bearer Lizzie in more ways than simply being a bearer of symbols as you are often asked to do because you do it so well.

You are a woman of deep faith and your motto expresses this so beautifully - **In Thee I Trust**. The Promises of the Sacred Heart given to St Margaret Mary Alocoque (whose name you were given for a time) encourage us to trust in God always and many a Catholic home had the promises displayed.

It is wonderful to share this day with you Lizzie. I conclude with the words of our Pope Francis;
"The apostolic effectiveness of consecrated life depends on the eloquence of your lives, lives which radiate the joy and beauty of living the Gospel and following Christ to the full."

We celebrate with you today Lizzie. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Clare

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