Sr. Gonzaga was born on 8th February 1934 and joined the Good Shepherd family on 29th June 1952. Hers was a life of love and dedication as she joyfully surrendered her life in generous service...She spent the first years of her religious life as a student and teacher - the words of SME came alive in and through her as she touched lives with her loving heart and clear vision “May peace shine from your countenance; gentle and kindly words falling from your lips to bring balm to the souls of your listeners.”

As formator from 1969 to 1978 she accompanied the young imparting to them a deep love for St. M. Euphrasia and challenging them to look beyond to new horizons.

In 1978 Sr. Gonzaga was elected as the first Sri Lankan Province Leader - as Leader her ever discerning spirit sought new life and new vision...

Speaking of her election as Asian Councillor in 1984, Sr. Gonzaga says “This responsibility called me to love the Congregation...it was a beautiful experience.” She welcomed and entered every culture with openness and respect. Her experience brought to our Province newness and energy.

Returning to the Province in 1997 Sr. Gonzaga served in different capacities - as member of the Province Leadership team, Local Leader and member of various committees in the Province.

Just before her sickness Sister spent her time serving the poor in the village of Munnakkara. Her heart reached out to the little ones who had very little access to education...even during her sickness she longed to be with these little ones...she felt a lively compassion in her heart, reaching out to them in a large hearted way...

Her last days were spent in pain...yet she had great hope for the Province, challenging us to risk together bringing new life to Good Shepherd mission.

On 29th July our dear Sister left us to enjoy the heavenly bliss...

She was indeed a visionary, who embraced the whole world in zeal...

As we bid farewell to her we hold in our hearts her desire to speak the language of love and thus find new pathways for mission that includes everyone in friendship ...

FAREWELL DEAREST SR. GONZAGA....GRATITUDE TO YOU...

Sr. Rohini Mendis, Province Leader and all the sisters of Sri Lanka - Pakistan