

# SR. MARY LILLY DRICIRU



*“Arise, shine,  
for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord  
rises upon you.  
Though darkness covers the  
earth and thick darkness is  
over the peoples,  
The Lord rises upon you  
and his glory appears  
over you” Isaiah 60*



*In Loving Memory*





# HONORING A LIFE WELL LIVED

## ASSOCIATION OF RELIGIOUS IN UGANDA (ARU)



LILLY, A WOMAN OF GRACE, OF JOY, OF JUSTICE, OF PRAYER,  
OF LOVE, OF PEACE AND OF TRUTH

### Immaculate Tusingwire MMS, Communication Manager ARU

Today, from our ARU Communications Office, we are not communicating with you simply through our gadgets; we are communicating from our hearts and from the hearts of all who knew and loved our dear Sr. Mary Lilly Driciru. These are hearts filled with gratitude, memories, hope, and the deep pain of losing a sister, workmate, mentor, and friend.

Sr. Lilly, whom I fondly called Lilly, as many others did, was a rare soul as you will see from the many testimonies in this special edition dedicated to her.

Lilly was the most serious person when it came to issues of justice and peace, yet the most light-hearted when it came to fun and jokes. She always smiled, laughed, and reminded me and many others to stay positive. We often thought alike and loved the same things. Looking back on all the years we worked together; I cannot remember a single moment of disagreement between us. But since her passing, we have been in a deep disagreement: she keeps smiling, a smile she never wore during serious times like these and she keeps saying "it's okay," yet it is not okay. Still, I believe her soul rests in peace, and her smile and gentle spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of the many people she touched with her selfless life. Though her leaving us abruptly is not okay, we still believe that 'it is well with her soul'

We thank all those who have taken time to share their experiences of Sr Lilly



## ARU SECRETARIAT

Sr. Jane Yatuha - OLG, C,  
Secretary General,  
Association of Religious in  
Uganda (ARU)



*“What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, love tenderly,  
and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8*

**T**he Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU) celebrates with gratitude, the life and legacy of Sr. Mary Lilly Driciru. Sr. Lilly’s ministry has been a profound blessing to the Church, to ARU, her Congregation, the Nation and to countless communities and individuals. Her dedication to communication, justice, peace, and the integrity of creation inspired all who knew her.

As a pioneer of the ARU Communication office, Sr. Lilly worked zealously doubling her communication work with Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. Besides internal communication, she used media to address social injustices, advocate for voices often unheard, for evangelization and shared messages that shaped minds and hearts of many for the common good.

Her commitment to Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) was marked by courage, compassion, deep faith, resilience and a faithful YES that sprung from within, nothing and no one could stop her. She tirelessly walked with communities affected by violence, poverty, and social injustice, always bringing a message of reconciliation and hope. She preached the “gospel” of peacebuilding and nonviolence especially in Lira District and helped reconcile many families and communities as she implemented a PAX Christi project on Peace Building for 6 months.

In a special way, ARU honors Sr. Lilly’s outstanding ministry in the fight against human trafficking. She recognized the gravity of this global crime and dedicated herself to raising awareness, building networks of prevention, supporting survivors, and empowering other religious and lay collaborators to respond effectively. Her leadership became a beacon of hope for those trapped in exploitation and a catalyst for transformative action across Uganda and the region. She helped in rescuing many survivors and supported them under Thalita Kum and Africa Faith and Justice Network.

Today, ARU thanks God for the gift of Sr. Lilly’s life and for the profound impact of her ministry.

May her legacy continue to guide our efforts toward a more just, compassionate and peaceful society.

May her example inspire us to remain steadfast in the pursuit of justice and peace.

May the seeds she planted continue to grow and may the God she loved and passionately served grant her soul eternal rest.

May her love for humanity inspire present and future generations.

May she rest in the eternal embrace of the God she served so faithfully.



## TRIBUTE BY

*Sr. Sheila Kinsey, FCJM,  
Coordinator for Integrity for  
Nonviolence, and former  
Executive Co-Secretary of the JPIC  
Commission for USG-UISG  
in Rome*



I was deeply saddened at the loss of my dear friend, Sr. Lily Driciru. I have many fond memories of my conversations and work with her. She was a gifted communicator, insightful, honest, and engaging. I always delighted at her dry sense of humor and quick wit. I remember well her work on our statements from our ARU meetings regarding abuse and the important work of a person engaged in her own spiritual development. She was an active representative for the religious sector of Sowing Hope for the Planet, where she shared the wonderful work being done in Uganda for the Care of Creation in the spirit of Laudato Si'. My last email exchange with her was regarding her follow-up work continuing to address the issue of abuse. She wrote a very inspiring and challenging report that represented the work being done in Uganda for a meeting hosted by the United Kingdom Embassy to the Holy See and Jesuit Refugee Service. Sr. Lily was not just a staunch advocate for peace, but a generous hearted person to everyone





## TRIBUTE BY

Sr. Maamalifar M. Poreku MSOLA,  
Executive Co-Secretary JPIC  
Commission USG-UISG.



**LAUDATO SI'**  
Action Platform

### *Sr. Lilly Mary Driciru, A Dedicated Member of the Religious Sector of the Laudato Si' Action Platform*

**A**lthough my time of knowing Sr. Lilly Mary Driciru has not been very long, she has deeply touched my heart as a dedicated, self-giving, and faith-filled woman. I first met her online during one of the Religious Sector meetings of the Laudato Si' Action Platform, soon after I began my service as Executive Co-Secretary in the Office of the JPIC Commission of the Union of Superiors General (USG) and the International Union of Superiors General (UISG).

From our very first encounter, Sr. Lilly Mary impressed me with her commitment, consistency, and quiet passion for the mission of caring for our common home. She was always faithfully present in the meetings, never merely as a participant, but as a true collaborator. Her thoughtful insights, creative ideas, and reflective contributions enriched our discussions and guided the religious sector in many ways. Each time she spoke, she brought clarity, hope, and a genuine desire to advance the vision of Laudato Si' in religious life.

When, for a time, her presence was missing from our gatherings, we all felt the absence of her warm spirit and gentle wisdom. I remember wondering what had happened to her, as we truly missed her companionship and input. My heart was filled with joy when I later reconnected with her and learned that she had been sent on mission to Canada, continuing her journey of service with the same enthusiasm and dedication that have always characterized her.

Sr. Lilly Mary is a living witness to the missionary spirit of religious life today, ready to go wherever the Spirit calls, bringing the light of the Gospel and the vision of integral ecology to new communities. Her quiet strength, deep faith, and joyful service continue to inspire many of us who work together for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.

“Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy.” – Psalm 126:5

May Sr. Lilly Mary's faithful witness and generous spirit continue to inspire all who walk the path of ecological conversion and mission in the spirit of Laudato Si'.

*With gratitude and appreciation from me personally and for all her colleagues in the Religious Sector of the Laudato Si' Action Platform and the JPIC Commission – USG/UISG).*

*May she rest in perfect peace*



# ASSOCIATION OF CONSECRATED WOMEN IN EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Sr. Bridgita S. Mwawasi,  
Secretary General, ACWECA



## *“Death, where is your sting?” 1Cor 15:55*

**T**he long journey to northern Uganda, finally came to an end, when we saw our host, Sr. Lily Driciru extend those slender, warm and gentle welcoming hands to usher us into this territory of Arua, the refugee settlement. Just the smile on her face and the welcoming words made us forget the fatigue of the long journey we had made from Kampala. That was just over a year ago. Yet today, Sr. Lily is no more with us. The cruel hand of death has claimed her. Through a grisly road accident.

When the news of the demise of Sr. Lily reached us, we were devastated. It was both shocking and unbelievable. In as much as we know that death is inevitable, no one expects that it will happen and when it happens, it eventually hits us hard, and the effects of losing a loved one sometimes takes months, years and even decades to comprehend.

The depth of life that Sr. Lily lived assures us that she lived her life to the full. She dedicated her life to the service of God and humanity in the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Mary mother of the Church. She was involved with the refugees in the refugee settlement camps in the Northern part of Uganda. She was also a champion of creating awareness and advocating against the ills of trafficking in persons.

As a champion of justice and peace, Sr. Lily used her communication background to highlight social justice issues close to her heart, that she felt needed to be addressed. Her faith became the motivation for her to do all this. In life, she was loved, in death she will be missed. Yet the heaven's, we believe, have opened their hands to receive her, where she will rest eternally with the Christ she so faithfully and vehemently served while she was with us.

As we come to terms with the loss of Sr. Lily, a friend, a sister, a mentor and model to many, and a true Cristian, as Christians, we believe that we will be reunited for ever with her in heaven. For us, physical death is only a temporary separation. The death and resurrection of Jesus conquered the physical death, giving us assurance of eternal life with God where death, grief and pain will cease (Rev. 21:4).

As we grieve our Sr. Lily, we do it as people of faith and hope (Thes4:13-14), knowing all too well that those who die in Christ will be brought to life with him. Jesus himself assured us: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...” Jn. 11:25-26.

Fare thee well, and rest thee well, dear Sr. Lily Driciru, till we meet in heaven above!



## TRIBUTE FROM

### Africa Faith and Justice Network AFJN



The Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN) mourns the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Sr. Mary Lilly Driciru, MSMMC (Missionary Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church) who tragically lost her life on November 8, 2025. Sr. Lilly was the AFJN Coordinator for the Women Empowerment Project (WEP) in Uganda and a dedicated advocate for justice, peace, and human rights.

Sr. Lilly's tireless work with AFJN's WEP had a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals and communities. Her passion, compassion, and commitment to empowering marginalized voices inspired all who knew her. Her unwavering dedication to promoting justice and peace in Africa was a shining example of hope and courage.

We will deeply miss Sr. Lilly's warmth, wisdom, and generosity. Her absence will be felt by all who had the privilege of working with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her religious community, family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, dear Sr. Lilly. Your legacy will live on through the countless lives you touched and the work that will continue in your memory.





# **SOCIAL COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT, UGANDA EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE**

By Rev. Fr. Philip Odii, Executive Secretary



It is with profound sorrow that we, at the Social Communications Department of the Uganda Catholic Secretariat, mourn the sudden and tragic passing of Rev. Sr. Mary Lilly Driciru, who was called to eternal rest following a motor accident on Saturday, 8th November 2025. We extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the Missionary Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church, her family, relatives, friends, and all who share in this great loss.

I first came to know Sr. Lilly in 2002, when we were both students at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Since then, she has been not only a respected colleague but also a trusted friend in the field of communication. Our professional paths intertwined often, especially after I was appointed Executive Secretary of the Social Communications Department at the Uganda Catholic Secretariat in 2008. In my role as national coordinator of communication for the Uganda Episcopal Conference, I usually organize meetings, workshops and seminars for Catholic communicators in Uganda, and Sr. Lilly was a constant participant and sometimes a trainer. She served in various capacities in communication institutions such as Leadership Magazine, Radio Pacis, the Association of Catholic Communication Practitioners in Uganda (ACCPU), and the Communication Office of the Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU).

Sr. Lilly was far more than a colleague in the communication apostolate — she was a devoted servant of God, a woman of deep faith, and a true professional who gave herself wholeheartedly to the mission

of evangelization through the media. Tirelessly, she worked to strengthen the Church's communication apostolate in Uganda, touching countless lives with her dedication, humility, and gentle spirit. She greatly contributed towards the establishment of the Association of Catholic Communication Practitioners in Uganda, and she was one of the communicators I personally consulted whenever I needed advice and guidance.

Her passion for truth, commitment to excellence, and collaborative spirit made her an invaluable member of our communication fraternity. Wherever she went, she radiated warmth and light, blending her deep spirituality with a remarkable work ethic that inspired everyone privileged to know her.

Sr. Lilly's life was a testament to service — service grounded in love for God, for the Church, and for humanity. Her departure leaves a deep void in our communication fraternity in Uganda and in the wider family of Catholic communicators around the world. Yet even in our grief, we give thanks for her life, her legacy, and the enduring example she leaves behind — that of a communicator of faith, hope, and charity.

As we commend her soul to the infinite mercy of God, we hold fast to the promise of the Resurrection, trusting that our beloved Sr. Lilly now rests in the eternal embrace of the Lord she served so faithfully.

May her soul rest in peace, and may her legacy continue to inspire all who serve in the vineyard of communication for the Church.





## LAY APOSTOLATE UGANDA EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE

By Fr. Fred Tusingire,  
National Director



### *Sr. Lilly; Courageous and Faithful She lives forever in Christ*

**W**hen someone we have known and loved passes on, the pain is inevitable. This is what we experienced upon receiving the news of the sudden death of Sr. Mary Lilly Driciru, MSMMC, in a tragic accident in Yumbe on 8 November 2025. I could hardly believe the news when I first heard of her passing. What a shock! In the brief time I knew Sr. Lilly, I had come to recognise her as a wonderful gift from God to this world, and especially to her family, her religious congregation, and all the people she served.

Sr. Lilly's life was a powerful witness of faith, service, and compassion. She was a courageous advocate for justice and a defender of the weak, the poor, and the oppressed. This commitment is evident in the groups she joined and worked with, including the Africa Faith and Justice Network, Thalita Kum, and other similar initiatives. She used her gifts and skills in communication to promote a more just world and to spread the Gospel. Moved and strengthened by her deep faith, she carried out her mission with dedication and courage. She truly loved her vocation as a Christian and a religious sister. Her trust in God was unwavering, and her commitment to serving humanity was profound. She loved God, and God loved her. And so, He called her.

After the initial shock of her death, I was able to reflect and recognise the truth that whether we live or die, we remain in God's hands. Therefore, the passing of Sr. Lilly should not be seen simply as a loss, but as a moment for her to receive her heavenly reward for a life well lived (Romans 8:18). We will certainly miss her physical presence, yet she remains with us, freed from the limitations of this world. We have every reason to thank God for giving her to us as a precious gift. We also know that the good do not truly die but live forever in Christ (Ephesians 2:1–10).

*May her exemplary life continue to inspire us. We pray that she may rest in eternal peace.  
Dear Sr. Lilly, we know you are still with us spiritually, and your good works will live on in the hearts of many.*



## PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Dieudonne Serukobuza,  
PAX Christi's Africa  
Regional Coordinator



**D**ear Family, Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church, and Pax Christi International group in Uganda, we join you in prayers from afar and present our deepest condolences to you all for the loss of our beloved Sr Lilly, a peacebuilder and artisan of peace.

Only God knows why Sr Lilly was called in Heaven at the same day Pax Christ was celebrating the 80th anniversary as the movement of peace & reconciliation over the world.

We recognize & appreciate her humility, compétence and commitment to peacebuilding, nonviolence, and reconciliation. Her effective involvement in PCI program of peacebuilding in Uganda had become her second vocation/calling. May her soul rest in Peace. Amen.





## JOHN PAUL II JUSTICE AND PEACE CENTRE

Mr. Avuni Alfred,  
Director JPIIIPC



**T**he John Paul II Justice and Peace Centre (JPIIIPC) joins the Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU), the Missionary Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church (MSMMC), and the entire Church family in mourning the passing of our dear colleague, friend, and sister in Christ, Sr. Lilly Mary Driciru, who was called to eternal rest on Saturday, November 8, 2025, following a tragic road accident.

We are in sorrow, yet also in profound gratitude, as we remember and celebrate the remarkable life of a woman who lived her consecration with purpose, prayer, and passion for justice. Sr. Lilly was not only a religious sister — she was a tireless advocate for human dignity, a champion for the vulnerable, and a beacon of hope in our collective mission for justice and peace.

At the John Paul II Justice and Peace Centre, Sr. Lilly was a true pillar of our ministry, especially in the fight against human trafficking. She approached every challenge with courage and faith. When advocacy became difficult and obstacles seemed insurmountable, she would gently remind us, “Let us pray, because the devil is fighting us.” For her, prayer was not retreat — it was strength. She understood that social transformation must be rooted in spiritual conviction, and that God’s grace empowers all true justice work.

Sr. Lilly’s life was marked by resilience, humility, and compassion. She believed deeply in restoring the image of God in every person. Whether in rural communities or high-level forums, she spoke truth with grace and acted with mercy. She cared deeply for creation and for those whose voices are often silenced. Her ministry embodied the conviction that justice is not merely an idea, but a daily act of love.

As we laid her to rest at the Mother House in Lira, our hearts are heavy, but her mission continues. Her legacy calls us to pray more fervently, speak more boldly for the voiceless, and walk humbly yet courageously in service of humanity and creation.

To ARU, her congregation, and her family, we at JPIIIPC share in your grief — but also in your pride. Sr. Lilly has left us a legacy of faith, courage, and love that will continue to inspire our ministry for years to come. May the Lord, whom she served so faithfully, welcome her into eternal peace. And may her light continue to shine through the work we do and the lives we touch. ***Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.***



## TRIBUTE FROM

Fr. Aniedi Okure, OP  
General Promoter for  
Justice and Peace,  
Permanent Delegate to the UN  
(Order of Preachers)



**M**y heartfelt condolence goes out to the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church (MSMMC), to the Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU), and to the Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN), for the sudden passing away of a beloved colleague Sr. Mary Lilly on November 8, 2025. Sr. Lilly's dedication to the ministry of justice and peace, and advocacy for the rights and dignity of the human person created in the image of God, had a deep impact on many people. She worked tirelessly to free vulnerable persons trapped in a cycle of exploitation; children and youth whose human rights are violated on many levels.

I was opportune to meet Sr. Mary Lilly in 2017, at a workshop to tackle human trafficking and exploited labor, organized by Africa Faith and Justice Network in collaboration with ARU. Her commitment to the issues AFJN was addressing led to her being appointed to serve as the National Coordinator of AFJN's Women Empowerment Project (WEP) in Uganda, working alongside AFJN Washington International Coordinator of WEP, Sr. Eucharika Madueke. Sr. Lilly facilitated many AFJN engagements with law makers, civil, political, religious leaders, traditional leaders, and key stakeholders in Uganda, with significant results.

Besides the many advocacy visits to the law makers in the nation's capital city, Kampala, she facilitated AFJN's engagements with many communities, including Lira, advocacy events in markets, and briefing of stakeholders and traditional rulers in Karamoja on the urgent need to address the education of our children and free them from fleeing to Kampala, the capital for a chance to improve their lives, only to be trapped in exploited labor. Sr. Lilly was courageous in speaking out for injustice.

One could see in her a joy-filled religious who was committed to her religious vocation and filled with the spirit of service. These qualities engendered in her compassion and commitment to dedicate her ministry to serving and defending God's vulnerable children, especially those trapped in human trafficking and exploited labor. Sr. Lilly leaves behind in our memories, a legacy of joyful service.

Thank you, Sr. Lilly for your joyful vocation of service, and commitment to promote human dignity, and for working against the exploitation of God's children. "Blessed are they who die in the Lord, they will rest from their labors, since their good works accompany them" (Revelation 14:13). Sr. Mary Lilly, may your good works accompany you to eternity. Amen!



# AFRICA SISTER EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE UGANDA

Sr. Germina Keneema, MSMMC  
ASEC Country Director  
and  
Sr. Monica Ajok, LSMIG  
ASEC Country Coordinator



## *Bridging the Digital and the Divine*

In a world that often separates the sacred from the technological, Sr. Mary Lilly Driciru stood as a radiant beacon, proving that faith and bytes could not only coexist but enlighten one another. As an instructor of Basic Computer Technology, she was more than a teacher; she was a gentle pioneer, guiding her students through the new frontier of the digital age with a compass of profound faith teaching Basic Computer Technology online via zoom to the sister participants of Sisters Leadership Development Initiative, a program of African Sisters Education Collaborative.

Sr. Lilly, a Missionary Sister of Mary Mother of the Church, taught with a rare and powerful trinity of virtues: passion, humility, and love. Her passion was not loud, but steady—a deep, abiding belief in the importance of her mission. Her humility disarmed the most fearful novice; in her presence, no question was too small, no struggle insignificant.

In an act of beautiful, crowning generosity, Sr. Lilly embraced the very technology she taught to extend her ministry globally. During Covid 19 pandemic, she ventured and conducted Basic Computer Technology workshops online for those who had never used a computer. Imagine the profound patience and kindness required to guide a nervous hand to click a first mouse, to explain a “window” or a “cloud” to someone for whom these were still alien concepts. In those virtual classrooms, she was not just teaching how to use software; she was calming fears, building confidence, and opening digital doors for those who might otherwise have been left behind.

With breathtaking simplicity, she performed her most extraordinary feat: weaving the abstract concepts of computing into the rich tapestry of religious life and the sacred vows.

Obedience, she taught, Just as a computer faithfully executes code line by line to achieve a desired outcome, our souls find freedom and purpose in obediently following the divine program of God’s will. A misplaced command can cause an error, just as a willful deviation from our call can lead us astray.

Poverty, she compares it to efficient code and uncluttered data. It is not about having nothing, but about choosing what is essential—freeing up the “memory” of our hearts for God and service, removing the “bloatware” of materialism and distraction to run the core programs of faith and community more effectively.

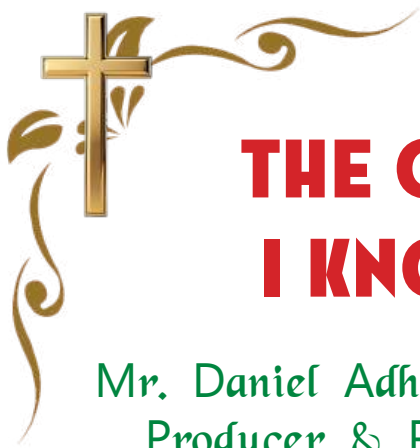
Chastity, in her insightful analogy, was compared to a secure and focused system. It is about directing all one’s love and energy toward its primary purpose, just as a well-functioning computer dedicates its resources to its core tasks without being compromised by malware or scattered processes. It is the integrity of a system committed to a single, sacred purpose.

Sr. Lilly Driciru’s legacy is a lasting one. She was a true digital evangelist, demonstrating that a life of faith is not retreat from the modern world, but an engaged and sanctifying presence within it. Her students learned more than how to navigate an operating system; they learned to see the fingerprints of the Creator in the logic of a program and the potential for grace in a global connection.

Her memory remains a blessed and eternal “server” of inspiration, from which we can all continue to gain wisdom, courage, and a profound sense of wonder.

May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace. Amen





# THE ONE I KNOW

Mr. Daniel Adhola Owori,  
Producer & Presenter,  
Radio Maria Uganda,  
Kampala



Rev Sr Mary Lilly Driciru!!

Real prayer warrior, the senior advocate for the poor and disadvantaged, a bold presenter and initiator of ARU programs on radio Maria Uganda, Kampala  
The Champion of LAUDATO SI initiatives and projects, the chief hostess of some former Orient domestic workers and survivors on radio programs,  
The most fierce fighter of the modern day slavery and slave trade called  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

I heard she had just landed yet another Apostolic Work in the vineyard of the Lord in  
Canada and could be leaving very soon,

Her mastery on Communication issues, (a real Communication consultant  
and expert), a very calm leader of their religious Institute:

Mary Mother of the Church Institute of Moyo.

I pray for her!! the former editor and agent of Leadership Magazine in Uganda.  
She advocated for the best family life Ideals and values on radio Maria, and so  
branded family as the NURSARY BED of all social, economic, religious and cultural  
LIFE.

The most loud, fervent and ardent preacher of Social Justice.

The most practical teacher of human behaviour and child psychology.

I dearly miss and pray for her soul.

Ever-smart and clad in her sisterly veils and attires. She once promised to continue  
praying for me!!!. I still hope. We will really miss her expertise and gentle  
counselling Voice in the house.

Indeed I will miss hosting her on radio Maria Uganda, Kampala,  
on Saturdays from 5:00 pm-6:00pm after which we would recite and pray the Divine  
Office/

Breviary/evening Vespers together.

Mama Ann Byamukama/ Musawo too will miss her interactive sessions.

May her soul rest in eternal peace AMEN.

*HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE LORD. JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.*



# MWAGALE FOUNDATION

Miss Ndagire Joan,  
CEO, Mwangale Foundation



In the quiet moments of reflection, as the world continues its relentless spin, we pause to honor the extraordinary life of Sister Lilly, who left us far too soon on November 8, 2025. Her passing on in a tragic accident has left an indelible void in the hearts of those she touched. Yet, even in grief, we celebrate a woman whose spirit was a beacon of hope, resilience, and unwavering advocacy.

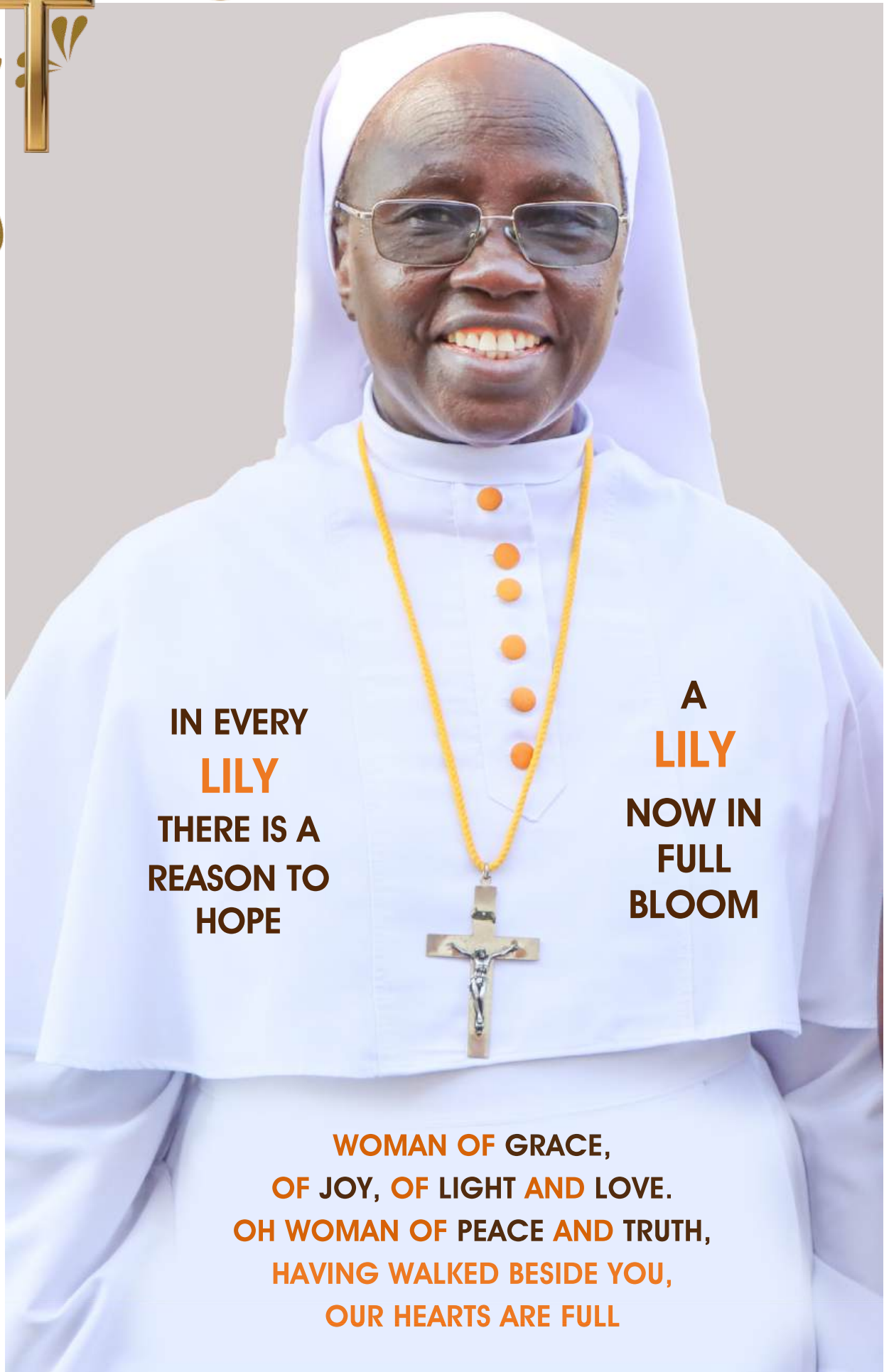
Sister Lilly was more than a name, she was a force of nature, a mentor whose wisdom guided countless souls through the darkest storms. To many survivors of unimaginable exploitation hardships, she was a mother figure nurturing, protective, and endlessly compassionate. Her belief in standing up against human trafficking was not just a cause, it was her calling. She fought tirelessly, raising her voice where others faltered, and empowering those silenced by injustice to reclaim their narratives.

As a dedicated member of the advisory board at the Mwangale Foundation, Sister Lilly played a pivotal role in shaping its mission. Her insights and steadfast support were instrumental in helping Madam Ndagire Joan navigate her own journey from survivor leader to CEO. Through encouragement, shared experiences, and unyielding faith in Joan's potential, Sister Lilly walked alongside her, turning personal triumphs into a legacy of collective healing and empowerment for so many others.

Sister Lilly's life reminds us that true strength lies in lifting others, even amid our own battles. She lived with purpose, loved without reservation, and advocated with fierce determination. Though her physical presence is gone, her impact endures in the survivors she mentored, the causes she championed, and the foundation she helped build.

Rest in eternal peace, dear Sister Lilly. Your light will forever guide us in the fight for justice and humanity. We are grateful for the time we had, and we carry your spirit forward.





**IN EVERY  
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THERE IS A  
REASON TO  
HOPE**

**A  
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FULL  
BLOOM**

**WOMAN OF GRACE,  
OF JOY, OF LIGHT AND LOVE.  
OH WOMAN OF PEACE AND TRUTH,  
HAVING WALKED BESIDE YOU,  
OUR HEARTS ARE FULL**







*"well done good and faithful servant"*

*"May the light of heaven shine upon your soul  
May the peace of God surround you and make you whole  
May the grace of Christ be with you now and always  
May you rest in peace and eternal love forever"*



*Even in these sad hours,  
The Lilly I knew too well  
Is smilingly saying these words*

*“Don’t grieve for me,  
for now I’m free!  
I follow the plan God laid for me.  
I saw His face, I heard His call,  
I took His hand and left it all...  
I could not stay another day,  
To love, to laugh, to work or play;  
Tasks left undone ,  
must stay that way.  
And if my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh.....  
Ah yes, these things  
I, too, shall miss.  
My life’s been full,  
I’ve savored much  
Good times, good friends,  
a loved-one’s touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don’t shorten yours  
with undue grief.  
Be not burdened  
with tears of sorrow,  
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.”*

*(Nature and Saint Patric)*

*Her Soul was true, her love sincere and  
she now Rests in Peace, forever loved*

