Sister Remedios Basilio, OP
1958-2019

Remedios Deraco Basilio was born on October 21, 1958, to Elias and Belen (Deraco) Basilio in San Fernando, Pampanga, the Philippines. She was one of five siblings born to the couple; the other Basilio children were Cristina, Dolores, Edgardo, and Jesua.

Sister Remedios graduated from Jose Abad Santos High School in San Fernando in 1975 and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in agriculture/crop science from Pampanga Agricultural College in 1981. She entered the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of Remedies on October 26, 1986 and was received as a novice in November of the next year.

Immediately after entering, Sister Remedios, who became known as Sister “Medz,” served in pastoral ministry in Santo Tomas until January 1987 and spent the rest of her pre-novitiate year (February-November 1987) as a catechist in Santa Lucia, San Fernando. She was received as a novice on November 7 of that year, and once her canonical novitiate year was complete, she spent eight months (December 1988-August 1989) in pastoral work in Arayat, a city in Pampanga.

She made first profession on November 7, 1989, and began a ministry in social action that took her to the cities of Mabalacat, Pampanga (November 1989-May 1993), Floridablanca, Pampanga (June 1994-May 1997), and San Fernando (June 1999-May 2001. From June 1997 to May 1999, she was treasurer of a school in Guagua.

In 1994, Sister Remedios earned a certificate in religious studies from the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies in Quezon City, followed in 1999 by a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from the University of the Assumption in San Fernando.

While in Floridablanca, she also served as her congregation’s co-formator, and was formator during her time in Guagua and San Fernando. She then served solely as formator (June 2001-May 2004) and co-formator (June 2004-May 2007).

Sister Remedios spent a year ministering in pastoral work in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, in 2008-2009. In September 2009, she became a pastoral minister at Holy Rosary Parish in Angeles City, a post she held until November 2013. It was during this time, in November 2011, that the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of Remedies merged with the Adrian Dominican Sisters, becoming a Mission Chapter of the Congregation.

Sister Medz’s health began to fail in 2013, necessitating a lighter ministry, and from that December until August 2015 she served the Mission Chapter as assistant treasurer. She died on October 5, 2019, at age 60, in her thirtieth year of religious profession: twenty-two years as a Dominican Sister of Our Lady of Remedies and eight years as an Adrian Dominican Sister. She was predeceased by her parents.

She is buried in Holy Mary Memorial Park in Angeles City.
Left: Sister Remedios Basilio, left and Sister May Cano. Right: Sister Remedios with villagers she trained in the Leaders for Livelihood Project.

Sister Remedios Basilio with her Co-workers at the Social Action Center of Pampanga, the Philippines.
Left: Sister Remedios Basilio with her family and Sister Arsenia Puno during Sister Remedios’ Final Profession.

Left: Sister Remedios with Sister Mary Philip Ryan. Right: Sisters Marcine Klemm, and Remedios enjoy a meal.