

# OUR NEWLY ELECTED PRIORESS



## SR. LUMEN GLORIA DUNGCA, OSB

Sister Lumen Gloria Dungca, OSB is a product of Benedictine education. As the second daughter of Atty. Roberto Dungca and Gloria Espinosa, she spent her early studies at St. Scholastica's Academy in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

For her college studies Sr. Lumen graduated at St. Scholastica's College, Manila in 1972 with the degree of AB major in Sociology. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 1988. She also took special courses on Catechetics and Guidance and Counseling.

In 1975 Sister Lumen responded to the call of God and entered our novitiate in Marikina. She made her first monastic profession in 1978 in Manila and committed herself for life in the service of God and his kingdom in 1982. From then on she was assigned as a young sister to Taal as a teacher and Guidance Counselor. In 1984 she was called to the foreign mission in Madrid, Spain. There she helped in the Integration of the Spanish Sisters to our congregation and also involved herself in the work in our Filipino Center called "Tipanan". After two years in Madrid she became one of the founders of the Filipino center in Barcelona called "Tuluyan". She did excellent work for the Filipino migrant workers especially in the youth apostolate. Through her witness of a life lived for God our congregation has now two perpetually professed Filipina Sisters who had contact with her in Barcelona as migrant workers.

In 1988 the Generalate called her to Rome for further studies at the Gregorian University until 1991 In 1990 she was sent to Nigeria for some months to help in the formation of young sisters

in a Benedictine Monastery. After her graduation at the Gregorian University in Rome Sister Lumen returned to Manila and from this time on she held important positions as Vocation, Postulant Juniorate Directress and member of the Ongoing formation program of sisters.

She served in the retreat ministry, giving seminars and conferences. Aside from these ministries, Sister Lumen was Editor of the Priory Bulletin, Mission Facilitator, and Liaison to the Congregations's Newsletter. She was sent to Rome in 2008 for the intensive RB course .

From 2001 till 2009 she held the position of Sub-prioress for 9 years before she was called again to foreign mission in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was appointed by the Generalate as Regional Superior of the place. She worked in Vocations Recruitment and Formation of Benedictine Oblates in Buenos Aires. On January 9, 2012 she was elected Prioress of the Manila Priory. She will be installed on April 20, 2012.