

Scholasticah Nganda RSM

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Scholasticah Nganda, Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. A Kenyan woman by birth, went to school with the Sisters of Mercy in Kenya, taught with the Mercies in their School (Makueni Girls' Secondary-Kenya) and later joined the Congregation.



Born in Makueni County, Kenya, 1961, I came last, the only girl in a family of two parents and four boys: Philip, Felix, Benjamin and Athanas. Angela and Peter (mum and dad) are happily resting with the Lord. Amen. I attended a Secondary School, (Makueni Girls' School) run by the Mercy Sisters, 1977-80. I did my A-Levels, 1981-82 in a School run by Comboni Missionaries (Italian sisters) but I was almost sure I wasn't going to be swayed from the 'Irish' to the 'Italian'. Joining Novitiate in 1983 was an exciting time for me. The waiting had seemed endless! My initial formation was however interrupted by my desire to pursue professional studies. Life in a State University helped to strengthen my desire to be a religious. There was no doubt in my mind that if ever I became a sister, I was asking God to make me a Mercy sister. And so in 1987, I left Makueni Girls' Sec where I was teaching, took leave from my employer and went back to the novitiate. My final commitment was in 1992. I remain grateful to God and to my sisters who have continued as my graced companions in Mercy.

My ministry has since 1987 been in education. I have taught in many public secondary schools across Kenya and been in school administration in some of them before joining Kenyatta University as a Lecturer 2004. Although I love teaching, I did realize that my students had many 'unmet' needs that hindered their progress in the academics. And so in 2006, my employer moved me from the lecture halls to the counseling room. It was in this room where not only did I accompany others in their vulnerability, but a place that continued to welcome me into my own need for healing. Am glad in the pain of others, I have received the grace to face my own pain. With humility and gratitude, I thank God for the many lives He/She has touched through my ministry of counseling and education.

I took leave from Kenyatta University, June 2012 and worked in Mukuru Promotion Center (MPC) where my Provincial Leader and Team had asked me to take over Directorship after the Congregational Chapter, July 2012. I knew the invitation to serve in MPC, a Congregational slum project for the poor, was the right thing for me for now having been in the public sector for so many years. My enthusiasm rang high as I tirelessly worked with the out-going director (Sr. Mary Geason) for the whole of June, 2012. With many plans for MPC, safely at home in my heart, I went to the Chapter Event in Galway. Little did I know that, a woman may propose but God disposes! I was elected to the CLT. This caught me by surprise. But one thing I do know: 'The Mission is God's own'. Ours is to bring our best to it and believe He/She will give the necessary grace for the task.

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