

SISTER BEGOÑA ESKISABEL SUKIA (MIREN)

31st January 1940 – 2nd June 2023



Sister Begoña Eskisabel Sukia (Bego) was born in 1940 in Spain, in the Basque country, and was very proud of her Basque identity.

A year after her novitiate she left for Burundi, where she worked for almost 15 years.

She also worked for several years in a host community in Spain with Franciscan friars.

Begoña then moved to Belgium, where she was involved in various associations such as La Poudrière and Convivial, and was very faithful to the celebrations of the Béguinage parish.

Everywhere her presence was discreet, without many words but in a spirit of service.

In her last years, she lived in Uccle at Loreto in a 'service flat' and then in the Nazareth rest home.

Perhaps it was there that some of us got to know her better.

One day, shortly after her arrival in Nazareth, she confided to us: "I've found my mission here: to welcome people who come, and to sit next to those who are alone and talk to them", which is what she did right up to the end.

Even during her painful illness, she never complained. She would say, "I'm fine, everything's fine, I'm well looked after, I don't need anything.

Then another day: "Death, death... we're all going to die, so what? what's important is to think of others".

She had a very simple lifestyle, but a strong temperament, joyful and loving to laugh, content with little and what she received she gave or shared.

She left as she lived 'discreetly'; it was in her sleep that she made the great passage to join the One in whom she had placed all her trust and given her life, the God of Love and Mercy.

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