



*„Lord, it is good for us to be here.” (Matthew 17, 4)  
„Where God leads me, there is my place to be.” (S. M. Adrien )*

## **M. Adrien (Alíz) Pekó**

School Sister of Notre Dame

on September 23 2020, in the 72nd year of her life and 51st year of her vowed life  
returned to her Heavenly Father.



The mass of thanksgiving and committal service will be celebrated in the Dome of Szeged **on Saturday, October 24**, Feast Day of our Congregation at **11 AM**. In regard to the pandemic the mass will be **broadcast online**. After that, the remains will be put to rest in the **Franciscan Cemetery of Szeged-Alsóváros** at **12:30**. (6725 Szeged, Vasgyár u. 15.) Flowers are welcome.

Sister Adrien was born in Kiskunfélegyháza on June 30 1949 and grew up in Pálmonostora. Together with her five older siblings, she went to the village's school, led by her mother and father, hence called "Pekó School" by the locals. The couple suffered persecution during the communist era because of their christian belief. Their daughter Alíz heard God's call during a spiritual retreat in her senior year in high school. Because it was the only order of women religious allowed to operate at that time, she entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1967 and took her first vow in 1969. In her youth she worked at Patrona Hungariae High School as teacher of geography and German language, vice principal and director of the students dormitory. The leadership ministries which had been given to her she always completed devotedly and responsibly, as local leader, provincial councilor and provincial vicar, from 1987 to 1998 as general councilor in Rome, from 1998 to 2005 as provincial leader in the Hungarian Province, then as director of the nursing home for elderly sisters in Budapest. In the meantime she performed leadership duties for a wider community: as president of Hungarian Leadership Conference of Women religious and as board member of the UCESM.

During her life she visited almost every continent, and now sisters are sending their condolences from all over the world, remembering her openness and her kind and welcoming heart. With her wide horizons, wisdom, empathic skills and consideration she helped many people even after she retired. From 2010 she gave spiritual assistance to the students and teachers of Karolina School, as a member of the sisters' community in Szeged. From 2018, due to her deteriorating health, she moved to our community in Budapest where she received nursing care. As soon as she felt strong enough she continued her work in pastoral care and with the women in initial formation. This summer, she personally led an on-line retreat for our 26 associates. This was her last great mission. In early September she started to weaken and consciously began to prepare herself for meeting the Lord. As we bid farewell to her, we, her sisters, family members, associates, colleagues, students, friends and nurses give thanks for her bountiful life. You will find a more detailed bio, photos and interview with her on our website: [www.iskolanoverek.hu](http://www.iskolanoverek.hu)