

Pioneer Sister of Mount Miriam dies at 80



Sister Jennifer (middle) in a group photo at the Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital. With her in this 2011 photo are (from left) Sister Cyrilla Baptist, Sister Katherine Mascrinhos, Sister Pauline Sewell and Sister Agnes Ken.



SISTER Jennifer Chan, one of nine pioneer Sisters of Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital in Penang, passed away yesterday at the age of 80.

She had celebrated 50 years of consecrated life in May this year, the hospital said.

She was a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Divine Motherhood (FMDM) order that was tasked to carry out the late Penang Bishop Francis Chan's dream of setting up a facility for cancer patients. The not-for-profit, single discipline cancer hospital opened its doors in 1976 and is currently one of the leading cancer hospitals in the region.

Sr Jennifer was on the ground from the hospital's first day as the Sister in charge of finance and hospital administration, supported by a team of volunteers. After moving on from this role, she committed herself entirely to the pastoral care of patients.

"With her listening ear and gentle spirit, she brought much comfort to her patients. "God bless her soul and her heart of simplicity, humility and joy.

"The FMDM Sisters are very grateful to all who have extended support to Sr Jennifer and the Sisters," the hospital said in a statement. The funeral mass for Sr Jennifer was held on 12 June 2020 at 10am today at Our Lady's Convent Ipoh.

Due to the recovery movement control order, only Sisters are invited to the event.