

Sister Suzana Kirkila

June 3, 1931 – October 17, 2025



Civil Name:	Suzana Kirkila
Date of Birth:	June 3, 1931
Place of Birth:	São Paulo, SP, Brazil
Parents:	José Kirkila and Anna Kirkila
Siblings:	Antônio and Estanilau Kirkila
Entrance to the Congregation:	July 16, 1952
Education:	Teacher Training

Sister Suzana was born on June 3, 1931, in São Paulo, SP, the daughter of José and Anna Kirkila. She had two brothers, Antônio and Estanilau, both deceased. She entered the Congregation as an aspirant on July 16, 1952, began her postulancy on January 6, 1953, and started her novitiate on January 25, 1954. She professed her temporary vows on January 26, 1955, and her perpetual vows on January 25, 1958. Throughout her religious life, she celebrated significant milestones of dedication: her Silver Jubilee on May 27, 1979, and her Golden Jubilee on March 4, 2003.



She earned her degree in Teacher Training and devoted herself wholeheartedly to education, serving in Franciscan schools where she taught literacy to children, developed catechesis programs, and guided Religious Education. In addition, she collaborated in administrative duties, tutoring, and community services, always demonstrating great dedication and love for her educational mission. With a Franciscan heart, she dedicated a meaningful part of her life to the care and attention of the poor, serving with simplicity, generosity, and deep compassion for those most in need.



On January 20, 2019, she was transferred to *Recanto Paz e Bem*, where she continued to contribute to the community's internal activities, sharing her experience and wisdom as long as her strength allowed.

Sister Suzana stood out as a devoted educator, committed to the human and spiritual growth of her students and colleagues. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, and love that continues to inspire all who had the grace of living alongside her.

“Sister Suzana teaches us that true vocation is revealed in caring for others—especially the poor—following the example of Saint Francis. Her quiet dedication and constant love transformed lives wherever she went.”