

**Sister M. Felix Adam, O.S.F.**

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**Born:** December 3, 1899  
**Parents:** John and Anna (Pristas) Adam  
**Entered from:** St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA  
**Postulancy:** September 25, 1915  
**Novitiate:** August 12, 1916  
**Profession:** August 12, 1918  
**Died:** Sunday, April 30, 1995 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home at 5:38 p.m.

**Ministry:**

1917 - 18 St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Domestic Work  
1918 - 19 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Domestic Work  
1919 - 21 SS. Peter & Paul, Leonore, OH, Domestic Work  
1921 - 22 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
1922 - 23 St. Michael, Sigel, IL, Domestic Work  
1923 - 24 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
1924 - 28 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Domestic Work  
1928 - 29 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Domestic Work  
1929 - 32 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Domestic Work  
1932 - 36 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL, Domestic Work  
1936 - 37 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1937 - 39 St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
1939 - 43 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Domestic Work  
1943 - 44 St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, OH, Domestic Work  
1944 - 45 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
1945 - 46 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1946 - 49 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Domestic Work  
1949 - 50 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL, Domestic Work  
1950 - 51 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL, Domestic Work  
1951 - 56 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Domestic Work  
1956 - 57 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
1957 - 59 St. Rita of Cascia, Aurora, IL, Domestic Work  
1959 - 62 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Infirmary Kitchen  
1962 - 73 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
1973 - 77 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Activity Department  
1977 - Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

**Wake:** Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Wednesday, May 3, 1995  
2-7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

**Mass of Christian Burial:** Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Wednesday, May 3, 1995  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Burial:** Thursday, May 4, 1995 leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:30  
a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL, S8-L352-G3.

**Survived by:** nieces, nephews and cousins, including Sister Rosarita Orlosky, O.S.F.

*For those who have been faithful, O Lord,  
life is not ended, but merely changed.*

Sister Felix Adam was born to John and Anna Adam in Austria-Hungary on December 3, 1899. At Baptism she was given the name Elizabeth. She was the youngest child in the family and her childhood was spent with her two sisters, Mary and Anna, and her brother John. When she was a young child, her family came to America and made their home in Windber, Pennsylvania. On June 22, 1910 she was confirmed at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Windber. She later became a U.S. citizen (1943).

An elderly gentleman, whose name she no longer recalled, introduced Elizabeth to the Franciscan Sisters at St. Stephen Convent in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. These Sisters there were instrumental in her pursuing a call to enter religious life with the Franciscan Sisters in Joliet. Elizabeth came to Joliet in 1914 as an aspirant and became a postulant on September 25, 1915. As she was received into the Novitiate the following August, she was given the name, Sister Felix. Her cousin, Sister Rosarita Orlosky, followed her, when she came to join the Franciscan Sisters in Joliet on September 8, 1931.

Sister Felix began her ministry of domestic service at St. Stephen Convent in Streator, Illinois, followed by 60 years of service in various convents in Illinois and Ohio, as well as three different assignments to St. Stephen Convent in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Sister Felix loved her work and was loved by those who knew her. She was very good at sewing as well as baking. Bishop Roger Kaffer tells the story of the cookies he received, in exchange for running errands for her when he was a young boy at St. Raymond Parish in Joliet. Sister David Ann Hoy remembers visiting at Immaculate Conception Convent in Columbus, Ohio, and tells a similar story of Sister Felix.

In 1962 Sister Felix moved to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home where she continued to bring joy to her Sisters for more than 30 years. One of the great joys of her life was visiting the Canadian Shrine as a participant in the Carmelite Pilgrimage Program in 1975.

Sister Felix had a good word for everyone. Last week as the Central Administration met with Congregation Members at OLA, Sister Felix was there participating. As each part was completed, Sister Felix would lead the applause by saying, "Let's clap for her!"

On Sunday, April 30, Sister Felix was not feeling well. As the staff was preparing to bring her evening meal, Sister Felix took her last breath and went to meet her God. Father Patrick Gleeson had said the prayers for the dying and many Sisters came to pray, especially the Sisters who, like her, had come to Joliet from parishes in Pennsylvania.

Sister Felix, we thank you for your years of service to our Congregation and your thoughtful ways of reaching out to others. May you now reach out in prayer for us, your family and your Franciscan Sisters as you join your God at the heavenly banquet forever. May you know the peace and joy of being with Jesus. Amen. Alleluia.

