

Alleluia!

Sister M. Finbarr Dunne, OSF



Sister Finbarr Dunne was born on December 4, 1915, in Decatur, Illinois. I am sure her parents, Violet Mary (Leavens) Dunne and John A. Dunne were thrilled to welcome their first girl, Margaret Mary, into their family of three boys. Margaret Mary would have two sisters and another brother follow her to complete their family. One of these sisters was Sister Maureen who was a member of our congregation until her early death in 1961. Margaret Mary also lived in Franklin Park, Illinois before she moved to St. Clement Parish in Chicago. It was from St. Clement's that Margaret Mary entered our prep and graduated from St. Francis Academy. On September 8, 1932 Margaret Mary entered our congregation and became a postulant. The following year she became a novice and received the name, Sister Mary Finbarr, the name that she kept throughout her many years. She professed her temporary vows in 1935 and her final vows in 1938.

Sister Finbarr received her B.A. degree from the College of St. Francis and taught for 13 years. She did domestic work for 29 years, many of these as a housekeeper on the C2 wing of Our Lady of Angels, before she moved into retirement settings in Westmont, IL, Columbus, Ohio and the Motherhouse. During these retirement years Sister Finbarr volunteered when she could as a Headstart aide, as well as in other capacities, and enjoyed her favorite hobby of crocheting. Sister Finbarr also loved to write as was evidenced by the poems and stories found in her files. Sister Finbarr enjoyed reading at Mass and did so frequently, reading with expression and drama in her voice. She also liked to be a communion minister and did so whenever possible. Another activity Sister Finbarr was involved in was participating in a Houser of Prayer experience in Canton, Ohio. In 1990, Sister Finbarr officially retired to Our Lady of Angels but kept

quite busy, collecting certificates for over 4,500 hours of volunteer service until her health prevented her from being as busy as she would have liked.

Sister Finbarr was very devoted to her family and loved spending time with them. It was a thrill for her to take vacations and spend quality time at their homes. Her sister, Sarah (called Sadie by many) was with Sister Finbarr when she went home late in the evening of March 20th.

We pray for you, Sadie, and for all the family members, sisters and friends who will miss Sister Finbarr and the love and special touch she shared with those she loved. We pray for all the nurses and aides who took care of her, especially these last weeks at Provena St. Joseph Hospital and here at Our Lady of Angels. We pray for her brothers and sisters who preceded her in death, namely, Sister Maureen, Elizabeth, Thomas, John, Joseph and Gerald, as well as her parents and our sisters who are there to meet her at the door of her new home. May they all rest in peace forever and experience the joy of heaven.

Sister Finbarr, we thank you for all the students you taught, and later the care you took of our sisters for so many years by cleaning their rooms and making their home a little more comfortable. We thank you for all the ways you shared your gifts and your friendship. We are happy to call you sister. May you be enjoying perfect happiness. Amen. Alleluia.

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December 4, 1915 — March 20, 2006

<i>Born:</i>	December 4, 1915, Decatur, IL
<i>Parents:</i>	John A. Dunne and Violet Mary (Leavens) Dunne
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 8, 1932
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1933
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1935
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1938
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	March 20, 2006

Ministry History

1935-1936	Teacher; Grades 1 and 4: Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH and St. Peter, Mansfield, OH
1936-1938	Teacher; Grade 4: St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL
1938-1940	Teacher; Grades 3 and 4: St. Bernard, Joliet, IL
1940-1941	Teacher; Grade 2: St. Mary, DesPlaines, IL
1941-1943	Teacher; Grade 2: St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL
1943-1944	Student: St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL
1944-1945	Teacher; Grade 4: St. Mary, Columbus, OH
1945-1946	Teacher; Grade 3: St. Joseph, Freeport, IL
1946-1949	Teacher; Grade 2: St. Clement, Chicago, IL
1949-1951	St. Francis Convent Infirmary, Joliet, IL
1951-1956	Refractorian: St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
1956-1958	Domestic Work: St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
1958-1968	Refractorian: College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
1968-1970	General Work: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL
1970-1978	Infirmary Housekeeper: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL
1978-1980	Community Service: Holy Trinity, Westmont, IL
1980-1984	Housekeeper: St. Mary, Columbus, OH
1984-1990	Community Service: St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
1990-2006	Retired: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL

<i>Wake:</i>	Thursday, March 23, 2006, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Wake Service:</i>	Thursday, March 23, 2006, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial</i>	Thursday, March 23, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial</i>	Friday, March 24, 2006, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	S8-L5-G1 Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents John A. Dunne and Violet Mary (Leavens) Dunne; her brothers, Thomas H. Dunne, Joseph L. Dunne, John P. Dunne, Gerald A. Dunne; and her sisters, Sr. Maureen Dunne and Elizabeth McGarrigle
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sister, Sarah R. Lata, nieces and nephews

Rest in Peace, Sister Finbarr