

**Sister Consilia Felder, O.S.F. 740**



**Born:** October 6, 1901  
**Parents:** Anton and Francisca (Wirth) Felder  
**Entered from:** St. Mary, Columbus, OH  
**Postulancy:** October 4, 1922  
**Novitiate:** August 12, 1923  
**Profession:** August 12, 1925  
**Died:** Monday, August 19, 1996 at St. Joseph Medical Center at 8:00 a.m.

**Ministry:**

1925 - 28 ✓ St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, History, Latin, German, Shorthand, Typewriting  
1928 - 29 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Normal School, Latin, German, Algebra  
1929 - 34 St. Peter High School, Mansfield, OH, French, Latin, German  
1934 - 36 Most Pure Heart of Mary High School, Shelby, OH, English, Latin, Geometry,  
History, Algebra, Geometry  
1936 - 57 Central Catholic High, Toledo, OH, Religion, French, Spanish, German, Latin, English  
1957 - 58 Sts. Peter and Paul High School, Chicago, IL, Religion, Spanish, English, Typing  
1958 - 59 Marybrook Academy, Maumee, OH, Religion, Guidance, House Mother  
1959 - 60 Sts. Peter and Paul High School, Chicago, IL, Religion, English, Spanish, Typing  
1960 - 61 St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago, IL, Latin, Spanish  
1961 - 66 ✓ St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Spanish, French, Typing  
1966 - 69 Bishop Ready High School, Columbus, OH, French, Spanish, Mission Club  
1969 - 70 St. Michael, Worthington, OH, Secretarial work  
1970 - 73 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Secretarial work  
1973 - 74 Ohio State University, Department of Education, Columbus, OH, Assistant  
Secretary to the Assistant Dean  
1974 - 80 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Telephone Promoter for St. Anthony Messenger  
1980 - 91 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Manager of the parish food pantry,  
Volunteer for Columbus Right to Life Society, Food distribution at St. Lawrence  
Haven, St. Mary's Women's Club, Volunteer at Alum Crest Nursing Home  
1991 - 96 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Retired

**Wake:** Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Thursday, August 22, 1996  
2-7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

**Mass of Christian Burial:** Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Thursday, August 22, 1996, 7 p.m.  
**Burial:** Friday August 23, 1996 leaving Our Lady of Angels 9:30 a.m.  
to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL, S8-L352-G10

**Survived by:** her sister Rosina Ruppensburg (Columbus, OH) and nieces and nephews

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

Sister Consilia Felder was born in Columbus, Ohio on October 6, 1901 to Anton and Francisca Felder. Baptized at St. Mary Church in Columbus, she was given the name Elizabeth. She had two brothers, John and Joseph, and three sisters, Franziska (later to become Sister Julitta), Clara (who became Sister Fulgentia and died as a young sister of 27 years) and Rosina, her youngest sister who became Mrs. Ruppensburg. Elizabeth came to the postulancy in 1922, entered the novitiate in 1923 and made first vows in 1925.

One year later, on October 9, 1926, Sister Consilia bore the sorrow of her Sister Fulgentia's premature death at age 27. Many years later, Sister Consilia was a daily visitor at the hospital in Columbus as Sister Julitta was seriously ill. Sister Julitta came to Our Lady of Angels where she died in 1975.

Sister Consilia was an active and energetic minister throughout her life. For almost 50 years she worked in Catholic schools, most of those years as a language and business teacher at the secondary level. Her students loved and respected her. They knew what was expected and came through with fine results.

When Sister Consilia left secondary education, she did not retire, but took on a variety of ministries and continued to be that loving and firm support to all around her. Sister Consilia received many honors for her work with the poor, the sick and the needy in Columbus. A note of appreciation from Donald Anderson, Associate Dean at Ohio State University, expressed it well: "All who have known and worked with you during your short tenure here in the College of Education would agree that we individually and the College as an organization are much richer as a result of your being and working here. I have met a relatively small number of truly 'beautiful persons.' I consider you to be one. I feel most fortunate that your life has touched mine." One of Sister Consilia's prized citations was from the Columbus Right to Life Society where she volunteered many hours of her time. She fed the hungry through the food pantry and visited the sick at Alum Crest Nursing Home.

In 1991, she came to Our Lady of Angels, and there continued to minister by her presence and her prayer. She kept her language skills alive by praying her rosary using a different language for each decade: German, French, Spanish, Latin and English. Her love for the Blessed Mother was obvious in her reverence and frequent use of Lourdes water, but also in her prayer life and her desire to imitate Mary in all she did.

Sister Consilia, we thank you for your loving and practical service to all of God's people. We, your Franciscan Sisters, your family, your friends and your students, ask you to intercede for us with Mary our Mother, to live our lives with love and respect for all of life. May the joy of eternal life be yours as you are reunited with all whom you loved and served during your life among us. May you live with God forever. Amen. Alleluia.

