



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

Hospitality and generosity permeated the life of Sister Agnes who, in her words, “took delight in the service of hospitality to all guests.” Born into a family of 11 children, Agnes wrote, “teaches a person to share, apologize and work together.” She enjoyed happy memories of each of her ten brothers and sisters and credited each with “giving me a gift of themselves.”

She was born to William and Ruth (Maechtel) Goode on October 25, 1928. The generosity of spirit of her parents fostered the same in her and her 10 brothers and sisters. They taught them about God and the Church.

The Sisters of Saint Francis of Mary Immaculate came into Agnes’ life when the Sisters taught catechism in her home parish of Saint Joseph, Circleville. Early on Agnes felt the call to be a Sister.

About two months ago, two women came to the third floor of Mohun Health Care Center inquiring about a Sister Alcantara. Sister Mary Olivieri overheard the conversation and was the only one in that building who would recognize Sister Agnes Goode’s former name, the name she was given on the day of her reception of the habit, August 12, 1948. Mystery solved, the women visited with Sister Agnes and recalled the confidence she gave them at St. Mary High School in Columbus. As a home economics teacher, she expected them to sew first an apron, then a blouse, and finally, a dress. Agnes was touched that after fifty years those women would remember and look her up to thank her for the confidence she gave them.

After her teaching career, Sister Agnes worked in parish ministry. She empowered others by confidently expecting them to be their best. Those who worked with her knew that she was a delegator who organized committees to gather senior citizens together in the parish in a time when even the term “senior citizen” was new. Her duties of pastoral ministry grew from what she recognized as a need. Father Lavelle, her first mentor in parish work, often said that Sister Agnes heard people’s confessions and then she called him in to give them absolution. Agnes was a wonderful listener and her timing was perfect. She once was called to the home of a woman with dementia who had forgotten that the strange man in her house was her husband of 65 years. Agnes just went in and put her arm around Art and

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immediately his wife responded, “Get away from my husband!” suddenly remembering who he was. Agnes was a master at human relations and respect for people.

This was evidenced in her involvement with our Associates in Ohio. When she arrived at the Mohun Health Care Center, she found even another ministry. Agnes joined and was welcomed into the Dominican spirituality of the Sisters at Mohun. She helped to lead the Divine Office, went to meetings of the Sister residents, and spread her joyful and patient spirit even in the midst of her suffering. She was always good-natured and welcoming even after losing her ability to walk. She was adept at using her motorized chair and said, “I cannot tell you how kind and loving the Dominican Sisters have been to me. They adopted me as their own.”

Sister Agnes planned every detail of her funeral including the readings and the hymns, and periodically she would go over it making necessary changes as circumstances changed. She wanted it said today that she “asks forgiveness if there is anything that I did or said to irritate you or change your happy spirit into a sorrowful one. And I forgive all who have offended or saddened me.”

Surely Sister Agnes Goode’s emphasis on joy speaks of the importance of joy in her life. The lilt in her voice in greeting you, the infectious laugh, and the smile that was so welcoming are a testimony to her dedication to Christ and to the Kingdom.

From her bed, Agnes could see two pictures: Jesus Crucified and her father driving the buggy up the lane during the time of her parent’s courtship. Sister Agnes Goode was rooted in Christ and in family, and we can only imagine the joy that she is experiencing in the sight of Jesus face to face! Amen! Alleluia!

Sister Agnes Goode, OSF

October 25, 1928 — June 22, 2013

<i>Born:</i>	October 25, 1928
<i>Parents:</i>	William Goode and Ruth (Maechtel) Goode
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 2, 1947
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1948
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1950
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1953
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	June 22, 2013

Ministry History

1950 – 1952	Teacher, Grades 6, 7, Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, Illinois
1952 – 1957	Teacher, Grades 6, 7, St. John the Baptist, Joliet, Illinois
1957 – 1960	Teacher, Religion, Business Courses, Home Arts, SS. Peter & Paul High School, Chicago
1960 – 1963	Teacher, Communication Arts, History, Homemaking, General Mathematics, St. Mary School, Columbus, Ohio
1963 – 1969	Teacher, Religion, History, General Science, Homemaking, St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago
1969 – 1973	Teacher, Homemaking, Family Living, Bishop Ready High School, Columbus
1973 – 1988	Pastoral Minister, St. Agnes Parish, Columbus
1988 – 1990	Secretary, State Auto Insurance, Columbus
1990 – 1995	Pastoral Minister, St. Stephen Parish, Columbus
1995 - 2002	Parish Ministry, St. John Parish, Logan, Ohio
2002 – 2003	Parish Ministry, St. Michael, Worthington, Ohio
2004 – 2013	Special Ministry, Mohun Health Care Center, Columbus

<i>Wake:</i>	Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 2:00—4:00 p.m., Mohun Hall Care Center, Columbus, Ohio
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 2:00 p.m., Mohun Hall Care Center, Columbus, Ohio
<i>Mass of Christian Burial</i>	Wednesday, June 26, 2013, St. Joseph Church, Circleville, Ohio
<i>Interment:</i>	St. Joseph Church Parish Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, William Goode and Ruth (Maechtel) Goode; her brothers William and Raymond; her sister Elizabeth Scott; sisters-in-law Catherine and Charlotte and brothers-in-law Richard Seimer, Stanley Scott and Richard Roundhouse.
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sisters Associate Margaret Goode, Jean Roundhouse, Ruth Seimer, and brothers Gerald, David (Pauline), John (Judy), Paul (Trisha) and sister-in-law Mariellen Goode. Sister Agnes is also survived by many nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and nephews and cousins and her Joliet Franciscan Sisters.

Rest in Peace, Sister Agnes