

Alleluia!

Sister M. Consiline Horak, OSF



Sister Consiline Horak was born on August 21, 1915, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Emil and Victoria Zemko Horak. Baptized Lillian at St. Procop's Church in Cleveland, Lillian was one of three children. She was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph, and her sister, Victoria.

Lillian graduated from St. Procop's Elementary and two-year Commercial High School. Later, she completed her high school education at St. Francis Academy in Joliet, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English and Economics from the College of St. Francis, Joliet, and a Master of Arts degree from DePaul University, Chicago. She also did postgraduate work at Eastern Illinois University and Loyola University of Chicago.

On September 8, 1932, Lillian came to Joliet and entered the postulancy. On becoming a novice on August 12, 1933, she received the name Sister Mary Consiline and had a lifelong devotion to her patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

After profession of vows on August 12, 1935, Sister Consiline began over 50 years of ministry in the field of education. She taught religion, social studies, English and business courses in various high schools in Illinois and Ohio. This included a total of seven years at St. Francis de Sales High School and eight years at St. Procopius High School, both in Chicago.

In 1964, Sister Consiline was assigned to teach in the Business Department at St. Francis Academy in Joliet. She once wrote that SFA is "our Community high school and should be given preference." Well, she made it her preference and ministered at SFA for 26 years, until she retired from active teaching in 1990. Consiline loved teaching girls at SFA, many of whom she called "Tootsie." They in turn nicknamed her, "Sister Tootsie."

Consiline was an excellent teacher. As she once wrote, she "tried through taking courses, reading

timely books and magazines and interviewing personnel managers to keep up with the times." No one was more proud of her students, who usually found good, meaningful and successful employment after high school, than was Consiline.

Always known for being charitable, Consiline learned of a woman named Flora who lived in a leper colony in the Philippines. From 1983, she corresponded with Flora and often sent her small donations, which came from her personal budget as well as from her students. She taught her students so much more than shorthand and typing.

After retiring from classroom teaching, Consiline spent eight years as a Library Assistant at the College of St. Francis Library and in volunteer ministry for the Congregation. She also spent time on her two hobbies, reading and crocheting.

In 2000 when her health began to fail, Consiline moved to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. There she spent her time peacefully praying for her devoted family and many other intentions. Last December she became very frail. A few weeks ago, being in much pain, she was sent to the hospital for various tests. Suffering from acute arthritis, she returned to OLA as a hospice patient. It was there that very early on the morning of April 21, 2004, Consiline quietly and peacefully went home to her God.

Sister Consiline, we thank you for the 71 years you spent with us as teacher, librarian, sister and friend. In your early years, you often lovingly called God the "Great Bookkeeper." We are sure that your credits far outweigh your debits. So, as you begin eternity with the God you served so lovingly and faithfully, we confidently ask that you remember us, your family, your friends, your Franciscan Sisters. Amen. Alleluia!

Sister M. Consiline Horak, O.S.F.
21 August 1915 - 21 April 2004

Born: August 21, 1915; Cleveland, OH 840
Parents: Emil and Victoria (Zemko) Horak
Entered From: St. Procop Parish, Cleveland, OH
Postulancy: September 8, 1932
Novitiate: August 12, 1933
Profession: August 12, 1935
Entered New Life: Wednesday, April 21, 2004; Our Lady of Angels at 2:20 a.m.

Ministry History

<i>1935 - 1939</i>	Religion, Soc. Studies, Business Teacher; SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL
<i>1939 - 1942</i>	Business, Religion, Eng., Soc. Studies & Math; St. Procopius, Chicago, IL
<i>1942 - 1944</i>	Student; College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
<i>Jan 1944</i>	Teacher; St. Mary H.S., Columbus, OH
<i>1944 - 1947</i>	Business Teacher; St. Peter's H. S., Mansfield, OH
<i>1947 - 1951</i>	Business Teacher; St. Francis de Sales H.S., Chicago, IL
<i>1951 - 1952</i>	Business, Soc. Studies Teacher; St. Procop H.S., Cleveland, OH
<i>1952 - 1953</i>	Business Teacher; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL
<i>1953 - 1956</i>	Business Teacher; St. Mary H.S., Columbus, OH
<i>1956 - 1957</i>	Religion, Business Teacher; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL
<i>1957 - 1962</i>	Religion, English, Business Teacher; St. Procopius, Chicago, IL
<i>1962 - 1963</i>	Business Teacher; St. Clement H.S., Chicago, IL
<i>1963 - 1964</i>	Business Teacher and Dept. Chair; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL
<i>1964 - 1990</i>	Business Teacher; St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL
<i>1990 - 1991</i>	Typist; St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
<i>1991 - 1999</i>	Library Assistant; College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
<i>1999 - 2000</i>	Community Service; St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
<i>2000 - 2004</i>	Retired; Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Sunday, April 25, 2004, 2 - 6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Wake Service: Sunday, April 25, 2004, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Mass of Christian Burial: Sunday, April 25, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Burial: Monday, April 26; leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m.
to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
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Survived by: Nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace, Sister Consiline