

Sister M. Anton Horvath, O.S.F.

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Born: June 22, 1925
Parents: William and Anna (Peters) Horvath
Entered from: St. Peter, Mansfield, OH
Postulancy: January 31, 1948
Novitiate: August 12, 1948
Profession: August 12, 1950
Died: Sunday, May 28, 1995 at Mansfield General Hospital, Mansfield, OH
at approximately 5:25 p.m.



Ministry:

1950 - 51 St. Ann, Lansing, IL, Grade 2
1951 - 55 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grades 1,2
1955 - 57 St. Edward, Ashland, OH, Grades 1,2
1957 - 60 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grades 1,3
1960 - 61 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Grades 3,4
1961 - 62 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grade 2
1962 - 64 St. John the Evangelist, Loveland, CO, Grades 1,2
1964 - 65 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Grade 1
1965 - 69 St. John the Evangelist, Loveland, CO, Grades 1-2,4
1969 - 85 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grades 1,4
1985 - 89 Family Ministry, Mansfield, OH
1989 - St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 3

Wake: Tuesday, May 30, 1995, 2:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Geiger-Herlihy Funeral Home, Mansfield, OH

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, May 31, 1995 at 10:30 a.m.
St. Peter Church, Mansfield, OH

Burial: Wednesday, May 31, 1995, Mansfield Catholic Cemetery
from St. Peter Church

Survived by: her sisters Ann Hanusz and Catherine Liston, her brothers-in-law Marvin (Wilma, deceased) McKee and Frank (Elizabeth, deceased) Gfrer and nieces and nephews

A memorial Mass will be scheduled at St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL

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

Sister Anton Horvath was born in Mansfield, Ohio on June 22, 1925 to William and Anna Horvath. She was baptized at St. Peter's Church in Mansfield and given the name Rosemarie. Together with her four sisters, Ann, Catherine, Wilma and Elizabeth, Rosemarie experienced the love of her parents in their faith-filled family. Rosemarie completed her grammar school and high school at St. Peter's and then did clerical work at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation for almost five years.

On January 31, 1948, Rosemarie came to Joliet to become a postulant with the Franciscan Sisters in Joliet. Msgr. R. C. Goebel, then pastor of St. Peter's Parish, wrote a letter of recommendation saying, "Miss Horvath comes from a good Catholic family and is possessed of a fine reputation in this city....I have always known her as a devout, hardworking girl of excellent ability..." Rosemarie was received into the Novitiate the following August and given the name Sister M. Anton. In June of 1950, Sister Anton wrote to Mother Immaculate, requesting to make vows. In her letter she wrote, "Already I have tasted the peace and happiness God has promised to those who follow Him..." In this letter she also expressed thanks for all that any of the Sisters had done for her.

In September of 1950, Sister Anton began her ministry of teaching the little ones at St. Ann School in Lansing, Illinois. She also taught in other schools in Illinois, Colorado and Ohio, devoting a total of 20 years at Corpus Christi Parish in Columbus, Ohio. In 1985, Sister Anton returned to Mansfield in order to be closer to her family and to care for her mother. Her family ties were close and loving, and Sister Anton had a special gift of making others feel her love as part of an extended family. Mrs. Straub, Patty and Sister Grace Straub experienced that love as Sister Anton spent time in being with them. One of the highlights of Sister Anton's life was taking part in a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in June of 1991. Together with her nieces, Martha and Frances, and Sister Rosaire Schleub and other St. Peter's Parishioners, she experienced the protection of the Blessed Mother and felt the peace of God's love.

This past Mother's Day, the Horvath Family gathered to celebrate and to be with one another. Last Friday Sister Anton spent the day in the classroom, and wished her students God's blessing for a good weekend. During that night, she experienced difficulty in breathing. An ambulance rushed her to the hospital where the medical staff did all they could. Her family, the Sisters from St. Peter's, and members of the Central Administration spent time at her bedside, praying and waiting. The heart attack had been so severe, however, that on Sunday at 5:25 p.m. Sister Anton peacefully went to her God, to experience fully the peace and love she had only begun to know here on earth.

Sister Anton, you gave of yourself to your family, your Franciscan Sisters, your "little ones" and all who knew you. May you now rejoice in God's presence forever, as you are reunited with your parents and family, with Sister Rosaire and all our Franciscan Sisters. May you experience the tender protection of the Blessed Mother. We ask you to pray for us. Intercede for those who care for others, for those who instruct the "little ones." May you live in God's peace forever. Amen. Alleluia.

