

# Alleluia!

## Sister Aloysius Jaeger, O.S.F.

Sister Aloysius Jaeger was born on July 9, 1921, in Chicago, Illinois to Otto and Amelia Medill Jaeger. Baptized Anna Marie at Queen of Angels Church, she was one of five children. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Otto and Carl and her sister, Frances. She is survived by her sister, our Sister DeSales.

Anna Marie graduated from Queen of Angels Elementary School, Chicago and St. Francis Academy, Joliet, which she had attended as a boarding student.

On September 4, 1940, Anna Marie entered the Postulancy. Upon becoming a Novice on August 12, 1941, she received the name Sister Mary Aloysius. After profession of vows on August 12, 1943, Aloysius spent the next year completing her college education. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History from the College of St. Francis in 1944. Later she received a Master of Arts in Education from DePaul University, Chicago.

Sister Aloysius began her ministry of education at St. Francis Xavier in Chicago. Over the next 40 years, she taught in various schools in Illinois and Ohio. This included seven years at Assumption in Chicago, six years at Immaculate Conception in Toledo and six years at Sacred Heart in Chicago, where she was also principal for two years.

After Aloysius retired from teaching, she spent a year in parish ministry at Holy Angels, Chicago. In 1985, she came back to Joliet and assumed the position of administrative assistant at Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, a position she held for seven years.

Sister Aloysius had a special place in her heart for those most in need. Whether teaching the



poor on the south side of Chicago, collecting and sorting used clothing and toys for the residents at Groundwork or visiting those infected with AIDS at Damien Ministries, she brought her special spirit and energy to the task.

Aloysius also had a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother, prayed the rosary daily and, with several of our sisters, attended a Marian Conference in Chicago for many years.

The past few years Sister Aloysius became more frail and she retired to Our Lady of Angels in 2002. She spent her days praying, reading, visiting with her family and keeping in touch with her former students and their families.

Last Thursday, Sister Aloysius did not respond when the nurses checked on her. After being anointed, she seemed to rally a little. Sister DeSales, as well as her good friend Sister Regina Marie Anson, kept vigil at her bedside. It was in the early hours of Sunday, January 18 that Aloysius quietly and peacefully went home to her God.

Sister Aloysius, we thank you for your 63 years of ministry with us as sister, teacher, lover of those in need and friend. As you begin your eternity with the God you served so faithfully and lovingly, remember us, your family, your friends, and your Franciscan sisters.

Amen. Alleluia!

**Sister M. Aloysius Jaeger, OSF**  
**9 July 1921 - 18 January 2004**

<i>Born:</i>	July 9, 1921, Chicago, Illinois	837
<i>Parents:</i>	Otto P. and Amelia (Medill) Jaeger	
<i>Entered From:</i>	Queen of Angels, Chicago, Illinois	
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 4, 1940	
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1941	
<i>Profession:</i>	August 12, 1943	
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	Sunday, January 18, 2004; Our Lady of Angels at 2:25 a.m.	

**Ministry History**

1943 - 1944	Full time student at College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL.
1944 - 1946	Teacher, Grade 2; St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL
1946 - 1951	Teacher, Grade 3; Immaculate Conception, Toledo, OH
1951 - 1952	Teacher, Grade 2; St. Peter Elementary, Mansfield, OH
1952 - 1953	Teacher, Grade 3; St. Clement, Chicago, IL
1953 - 1954	Teacher, Grade 6; St. Mary, DesPlaines, IL
1954 - 1957	Teacher, Grades 4, 5 & 6; St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet, IL
1957 - 1958	Teacher, Grade 6; St. Michael, Worthington, OH
1958 - 1959	Teacher, Grade 5; Immaculate Conception, Toledo, OH
1959 - 1960	Teacher, Grades 4 & 5; St. Jude, Joliet, IL
1960 - 1961	Teacher, Upper Grades; Marybrook Academy, Maumee, OH
1961 - 1962	Directress of Grade School; Marybrook Academy, Maumee, OH
1962 - 1964	Teacher, Grades 5 & 7; St. Rita, Aurora, IL
1964 - 1965	Teacher, Grades 6 & 7; St. Stephen, Streator, IL
1965 - 1966	Teacher, Grade 7; St. Clement, Chicago, IL
1966 - 1968	Teacher, Grade 7; SS Peter & Paul, Chicago, IL
1968 - 1972	Teacher, Grade 8; Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL
1972 - 1974	Principal; Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL
1974 - 1977	Teacher, Grade 8; St. Laurence, Chicago, IL
1977 - 1984	Teacher, Grade 7 & 8; Assumption, Chicago, IL
1984 - 1985	Parish Ministry; Holy Angels, Chicago, IL
1985 - 2002	Administrative Assistant & Part-time Aide; Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL
2002 - 2004	Retired; Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

<i>Wake:</i>	Wednesday, January 21, 2004, 2 - 6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
<i>Wake Service:</i>	Wednesday, January 21, 2004, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Wednesday, January 21, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
<i>Burial:</i>	Thursday, January 22; leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL S8 - L333 - G8

*Survived by:* Sister M. DeSales Jaeger, OSF, nieces, and nephews.

**Rest in Peace, Sister Aloysius**