

Alleluia!

Sister M. Norma Jansen, OSF



Sister Norman Jansen was born on August 15, 1911, to Stephen and Frances Durdak Janciga in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Baptized Margaret Theresa at St. Stephen's, she was the second youngest of six children. Her brothers Stephen, Robert and Charles and her sisters Rose and our own Sister Matthew preceded her in death.

Margaret graduated from St. Stephen Grade School and received her secondary education at Central Catholic High School in Johnstown. After coming to Joliet, she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of St. Francis, Joliet, and later earned a Master of Arts Degree in Elementary Administration and Supervision from DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

Following the example of her older sister, Sister Matthew, Margaret entered the Sisters of St. Francis on September 5, 1927. Sadly, her father died the next January. She once wrote: "My leaving home the second time, so soon after the first, was a traumatic experience in my life and one that tested my sincerity in really wanting to become a nun. With God's help I was able to meet that challenge." So, on August 12, 1928, she entered the Novitiate and received the name Sister Mary Norma.

After profession of vows on August 12, 1930, Norma began her 37 years in elementary education as teacher and principal. This included six years at St. Mary Magdalene in Columbus, Ohio, seven years at St. Joseph, Joliet and at St. Francis Xavier in Chicago and nine years at St. Francis deSales, Chicago. Norma also spent eight years as Diocesan Consultant and School Supervisor for the Diocese of Columbus in Ohio.

Sister Norma had a great devotion to her family and spent several years ministering to them. She

appreciated the Congregation for allowing her to serve her sisters and brothers in this way. This led her to change her focus of ministry from education to pastoral care. She spent six years in pastoral care at Lee Hospital in Johnstown and five years in pastoral ministry at St. Coleman Parish in Pompano Beach, Florida. In her final year of active service, she ministered to the elderly at St. Elizabeth Gardens in Pompano Beach, the place where she lived and volunteered for five years.

In 2001, Norma became more frail and retired to Our Lady of Angels. Though she missed her friends in Florida and its climate, she was happy to be with our Sisters. And, of course, all who knew her well knew of her great devotion to St. Therese the Little Flower. These past weeks Norma gradually became weaker and less responsive. She was admitted to Provena St. Joseph Medical Center on Saturday, January 4th, where on the morning of January 5th she quietly and peacefully went home to her God.

Sister Norma, you once wrote that your goal in life was "to live in such a way" that all would know you were a "happy Franciscan Religious." We thank you for sharing your life, with all its joys and sorrows, with us these 75 years. As you begin your eternity with the God you served so faithfully and joyfully, remember us, your family, your friends, your Franciscan Sisters. Amen. Alleluia.

Sister M. Norma Jansen OSF
15 August 1911 - 5 January 2003

Born: August 15, 1911; Johnstown, Pennsylvania 825
Parents: Stephen and Frances (Durdak) Janciga
Entered From: St. Stephen Parish, Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Postulancy: September 5, 1927
Novitiate: August 12, 1928
Profession: August 12, 1930
Entered New Life: Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003; Provena-St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, IL at 10:40 a.m.

Ministry History

<p>1930 - 1933 1933 - 1940 1940 - 1948 1948 - 1950 1950 - 1951 1951 - 1957 1957 - 1958 1958 - 1965 1965 - 1966 1966 - 1967 1967 - 1975 1975 - 1976 1976 - 1977 & 1979 1977 - 1978 1979 - 1984 1984 - 1990 1990 - 1995 1995 - 2001 2001 - 2002</p>	<p>Teacher, Grades 2,4; Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, IL Teacher, Grades 7, 8; St. Joseph, Joliet, IL Teacher, Grade 8; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL Teacher, Grade 8; St. Mary, DesPlaines, IL Teacher, Grade 8; St. Clement, Chicago, IL Teacher/Principal, Grade 8; St. Mary Magdalen, Columbus, OH Teacher/Asst. Principal, Grade 8; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL Teacher/Principal, Grade 8; St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL Teacher, Grade 8; St. Clement, Chicago, IL Teacher, Grade 8; St. Raymond, Joliet, IL Diocesan Consultant/School Supervisor; Diocese of Columbus, OH Family Ministry; St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA & Phoenix, AZ Receptionist/Tutor/Child Care; Alvis Center, Columbus, OH Librarian; Cambia County, Johnstown, PA Family Ministry; Joseph John Towers, Johnstown, PA Hospital Ministry/Pastoral Care; Lee Hospital, Johnstown, PA Pastoral Ministry; St. Coleman Parish, Pompano Beach, FL Ministry to Elderly/ Volunteer; St. Elizabeth Gardens, Pompano Beach, FL Retired; Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL</p>
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Wake: Thursday, January 9, 2003, 2 - 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Wake Service: Thursday, January 9, 2003, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, January 9, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Burial: At her request cremation rites will be accorded. Inurment at Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL at a later date.
Inurment S8 - L370 - G6 with Sr. Matthew, her sister
Survived by: Nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace, Sister Norma