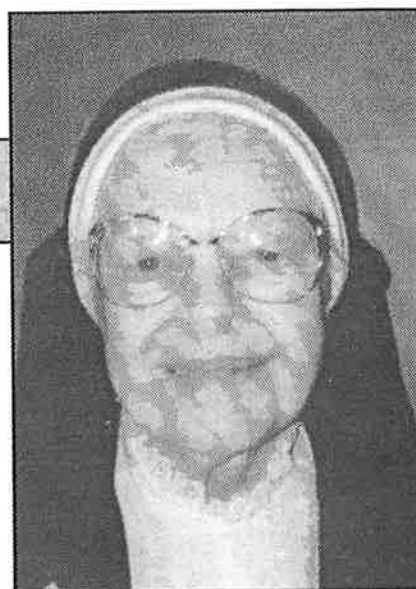


Alleluia!

Sister M. Angelica Le Grand, OSF



Sister Angelica Le Grand was born on March 27, 1916, in Benton, Missouri, to William and Mary Ann Diebold Le Grand. Baptized Magdalena Stella at St. Denis Church in Benton, she was called Lena by her family and friends. Lena was one of nine children. She had seven brothers, Denis, Paul, Harold, William, Charles, Alban and Francis, and one sister, Clara, our own Sister Rosabel. Her first cousin is Sister Zita Diebold.

On September 8, 1932, at the age of sixteen, Lena began her postulancy. She was received into the Novitiate on August 12, 1933, and given the name Sister Mary Angelica. After profession of first vows in August of 1935, she began her 44 years in education as teacher and organist at SS. Peter and Paul in Leonore, IL, where she remained for five years. From 1940 to 1942, she studied full time at the College of St. Francis and later earned a Masters of Education degree from DePaul University, Chicago. From 1942 until 1981, she was a teacher and organist in parish schools in Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and Michigan. This included her 16 years as superior, principal, teacher and organist at her home parish, St. Denis in Benton.

In 1981, because of a diocesan policy, Sister Angelica retired from education at the age of 65, leaving Benton and returning to Joliet. Thus began her "second career" as seamstress at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. She performed this ministry for 16 years until her official retirement in 1997. After suffering a stroke, Sister Angelica's health continued to fail until early on the morning of December 27. With Sister

Rosabel at her side, she quietly ended her journey on this earth and went home to her God.

From the beginning Sister Angelica was known as an excellent teacher and administrator. She was dedicated to, innovative with and loved by her students, who loved learning from her. As Fr. Edward Eftink, Superintendent for Schools for the Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau, Missouri, once wrote about Sister Angelica, "She is determined that each student utilize his/her talent to the fullest during the time that they are in her classroom."

Earlier in her life, in her letter to Mother Thomasine asking to be received into the Novitiate, Sister Angelica wrote that she wanted to be a sister in order "to be of some good use to the community, to help take care of 'God's little ones,' and to live faithfully as a good religious until death." Sister Angelica, you certainly have fulfilled your hopes of so long ago. We thank you for being a fine educator, seamstress and sister to us. We thank you for showing us how to live faithfully until death. As you enjoy your eternity with God, continue to remember us, your family, your friends, your Franciscan sisters. Amen! Alleluia!

Sister M. Angelica Le Grand, OSF
27 March 1916 - 27 December 2000

Born: March 27, 1916, Benton, Missouri
Parents: William and Mary Ann (Diebold) Le Grand
Entered From: St. Denis, Benton, Missouri
Postulancy: September 8, 1932
Novitiate: August 12, 1933
Profession: August 12, 1935
Entered New Life: Wednesday, December 27, 2000, at Our Lady of Angels at 7:15 a.m.

Ministry History

1935 - 1940 Teacher, Grades 4, 5, 6; Organist; SS. Peter and Paul, Leonore, IL
 1940 - 1942 Student; College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
 1942 - 1948 Teacher, Grades 4, 5, 6; Organist; St. Mary, Rock Island, IL
 1948 - 1949 Teacher, Grade 5; Assistant Organist; Immaculate Conception, Toledo, OH
 1949 - 1950 Teacher, Grades 5, 6; Organist; Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH
 1950 - 1955 Teacher, Grades 3, 4, 5, 6; Organist; St. Mary, Rock Island, IL
 1955 - 1956 Music Teacher, Grade 5; Organist; St. Michael, Worthington, OH
 1956 - 1957 Music Teacher, Grades 3, 4, 5; Organist; St. Michael, Brunswick, MI
 1957 - 1960 Music Teacher, Grades 5,6; Organist; Assumption, Chicago, IL
 1960 - 1962 Teacher, Grade 7; Organist; St. Jude, Cleveland, OH
 1962 - 1968 Superior, Principal, Teacher, Grade 5 - 8; Organist; St. Denis, Benton, MO
 1968 - 1969 Teacher, Grade 8; Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, IL
 1969 - 1971 Teacher, Grade 5, 6; St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL
 1971 - 1981 Principal, Teacher, Organist; St. Denis, Benton, MO
 1981 - 1997 Seamstress; Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL
 1997 - 2000 Retired; Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Friday, December 29, 2000, 2 - 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Wake Service: Friday, December 29, 2000, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels
Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, December 29, 2000, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels
Burial: Saturday, December 30, 2000, 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery,
 Romeoville, IL
Interment S8-L335-G11, Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by: Sr. M. Rosabel Le Grand, OSF (sister); Charles, Alban and Francis Le Grand (brothers); Sr. M. Zita Diebold, OSF (first cousin); nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace, Sister Angelica