

Alleluia!

Sister M. Urban Poyer, OSF



Sister Urban Poyer was born in Gratz, Austria, on March 2, 1909, to Albina (Gombotz) and Frank Poyer. She was named Albina after her mother. Sister Urban's brother Karl and sister Mary preceded her in death. Albina received an education until the 6th grade in Austria and came to the United States, specifically to St. Jerome Parish in Chicago in 1919. Our records show that she was baptized at St. Jerome Parish in Chicago. In moving to America her name became Alvina rather than Albina. At the age of 18, Alvina entered the congregation on January 2, 1928. On August 12, 1928, Alvina became a novice and received the name Sister Urban. She professed her first vows in 1930 and her final vows in 1933.

Sister Urban graciously and kindly served the needs of our sisters for 58 years as a cook, as a housekeeper and in general domestic ministry. She was happy doing what she could to make each sister's life a little easier, a little more pleasant and she often noticed those special occasions to do what she could to celebrate life. Her ministry in Illinois took place in Chicago at our convents, at Guardian Angel Home as cook for the children, in Freeport, Des Plaines and at Our Lady of Angels. She also ministered in Benton, Missouri, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and Toledo and Columbus, Ohio. Many of us know her as a housekeeper at Our Lady of Angels from 1962-1988. She went about her work with a smile on her face and a quick pace in her step. Even when she retired at OLA, she felt that she was serving the needs of our congregation in her prayer ministry. The following is a quote that Sister Urban expressed while she was reflecting on

her days as housekeeper at OLA: "I was happy working at OLA because I could combine my days working like Martha for the Lord and praying and listening like her sister Mary."

In Chapter of 1996, Sister Urban wrote on her Traveler's Checks that she would continue to pray for the intentions of the community and for our government. She was often seen praying her rosary in her room or in chapel. Sister Urban did love us and continued to pray for us in her own special way. While she was able, she also enjoyed crocheting, watching movies and watching the cooking channel. Even as her death was approaching, Sister Urban asked to have the various cooking shows on her television.

Late in the evening of February 16th, Sister Urban went home to her God whom she served so faithfully during her life.

Sister Urban, we thank you for all that you did for all our sisters and for all the love that you shared by your smile. We ask God to keep you and your family members who preceded you in death in everlasting peace. While we mourn the passing of your life with us on earth, we celebrate with you as you enter your heavenly home.

Amen. Alleluia.

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March 2, 1909 — February 16, 2006

<i>Born:</i>	March 2, 1909, Gratz, Austria
<i>Parents:</i>	Frank Poyer and Alvina (Gombotz) Poyer
<i>Postulancy:</i>	January 2, 1928
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1928
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1930
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1933
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	February 16, 2006

Ministry History

1930-1931	Domestic Work: St. Francis of Assisi, Chicago, IL
1931-1932	Domestic Work: St. Joseph, Freeport, IL
1932-1933	Domestic Work: SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL
1933-1934	Domestic Work: St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA
1934-1935	Domestic Work: St. Dionysius, Benton, MO
1935-1938	Domestic Work: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL
1938-1940	Domestic Work: St. Francis of Assisi, Chicago, IL
1940-1944	Domestic Work: St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL
1944-1945	Domestic Work: St. Wenceslaus, Chicago, IL
1945-1946	Domestic Work: St. Peter, Mansfield, OH
1946-1950	Domestic Work: SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL
1950-1951	Domestic Work: St. Francis de Sales, Toledo, OH
1951-1952	Domestic Work: St. Francis of Assisi, Chicago, IL
1952-1953	Domestic Work: St. Stephen, Streator, IL
1953-1954	Domestic Work: St. Mary, Columbus, OH
1954-1955	Domestic Work: SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL
1955-1956	Domestic Work: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago, IL
1956-1962	Domestic Work: St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL
1962-1988	Domestic Work: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL
1988-2006	Special Ministry/Retired

<i>Wake:</i>	Monday, February 20, 2006, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Wake Service:</i>	Monday, February 20, 2006, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial</i>	Monday, February 20, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial</i>	Tuesday, February 21, 2006, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	S8-L5-G5 Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents Frank and Alvina (Gombotz) Poyer; her sister, Mary; and her brother Karl.
<i>Survived by:</i>	Many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rest in Peace, Sister Urban