



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

On the morning of June 2, 2014, our Sister Andrea Prindes passed quietly into eternity in the same manner as she passed through every day of her religious life. In her living and in her dying, she remained a woman of deep prayer. Steadfast and unrelenting in her attachment to the Sacred Heart, she clung hopefully to promises that anchored her faith.

Born on June 6, 1922, Andrea was welcomed into the world by her loving parents Hermina (Kovacik) and Andrew Prindes. Coming of age in the Depression years, Andrea, in the company of her three older brothers and her younger sister Emily, came to understand the importance of self-sacrifice and hard work. Raised in a loving atmosphere of joy and gratitude to God, Andrea's religious devotion and ethnic pride in her Slovak cultural heritage, informed and influenced her sense of vocation and her call to Franciscan sisterhood.

Entering the Postulancy of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate on September 8, 1938, Andrea's years in initial formation were framed by an acute awareness of the devastating realities of World War II that had ravaged the homeland of her immigrant parents, relatives, neighbors and friends. Professing her final vows six years later on August 12, 1944, Sr. Andrea was well on her way to becoming a much beloved and enthusiastic teacher whose love of reading and writing and the arts inspired countless children and adolescents. Over a span of more than thirty years, Sr. Andrea served in thirteen parishes in four different states before experimenting with new educational challenges and opportunities in Special Education, Adult Education, Teaching English as a Second Language and Educational Programs for Refugees. Joining forces with Mother M. Borromeo Mack, Sr. Mercia Gillivan and Sr. Mary Paul Korman, Sr. Andrea responded to the unmet needs of adults ages 18 to 78 who found themselves on the margins of society, in part because of race, ethnicity and immigration status, and in part because of illiteracy or limited knowledge of English. In 1982 she became the

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Sister Andrea Prindes, OSF

Coordinator of the Refugee Program with the Joliet Township High School, providing special services to the Laotian people and forming friendships that have continued these past 30 years. In the missionary spirit of Mother Alfred Moes, Sr. Andrea opened her heart and her classrooms to people "from the ends of the earth," welcoming each one as teacher, sister and friend.

Taking up residence at Our Lady of Angels in 1993, Sr. Andrea made the most of her senior years by creating community with her sisters, managing the Gift Shop, visiting the sick and rendering countless acts of community service as a volunteer. Of the many blessings that graced Sr. Andrea's life at OLA, certainly the presence of her devoted sister Emily was among the most cherished. During the final decade of her life, as Sr. Andrea faced the challenges of declining health and physical diminishment, she offered back to God all that she had been given with reverence and gratitude. Among her daily prayers, she included a simple one that gave expression to a firmly held conviction about her unfolding future: "Jesus, come when you are ready. Help me to be ready when you come."

As we give thanks to God for the gift of our Sr. Andrea, may our celebration of her life and legacy inspire in each of us a renewed commitment to the ministries of education, social advocacy and prayer, especially for children, immigrants, refugees and all who await the coming of the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Sister Andrea Prindes

June 6, 1922 — June 2, 2014

Born: June 6, 1922
Parents: Andrew Prindes and Hermina Kovacik
Postulancy: September 8, 1938
Novitiate: August 12, 1939
First Profession: August 12, 1941
Final Profession: August 12, 1944
Entered New Life: June 2, 2014

Ministry History

1941-1948 Teacher: Grades 1,2,3; St. Mary, Des Plaines, Illinois
1948-1954 Teacher: Grades Kindergarten, 1, 2; Assumption, Chicago, Illinois
1954-1955 Teacher: Grade 1; St. Francis Xavier, Chicago
1955-1958 Teacher: Grade 1; St. Joseph, Joliet, Illinois
1958-1959 Teacher: Grade 1; Assumption, Pompano Beach, Florida
1959-1960 Teacher: Grade 1; St. Coleman, Pompano Beach, Florida
1960-1961 Teacher: Grade 4; Immaculate Conception, Toledo, Ohio
1961-1962 Teacher: Grades 3, 4; Our Lady of Grace, Muskegon, Michigan
1962-1968 Teacher/Superior/Principal: Grades 6, 7, 8; St. Cecilia, Columbus, Ohio
1968-1969 Teacher: Grade 8; St. Raymond, Joliet
1969-1970 Teacher: Grade 8; St. Paul, Joliet
1970-1973 Teacher: Special Education; Joliet Public Schools, Joliet
1973-1974 Teacher: SS. Cyril and Methodius/St. Joseph, Joliet
1974-1975 Principal: Sacred Heart/Bishop Creek, Sigel, Illinois/Teutopolis
1975-1977 Principal: St. Joseph, Joliet
1977-1982 Teacher: Adult Education; Joliet Township Adult Center, Joliet
1982-1983 Coordinator: Refugee Program; Joliet Township, Joliet
1983-1989 Teacher: Refugee Program; Joliet Adult Center, Joliet and
Director: Gift Shop; Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
1989-1991 Teacher: Refugee Program; Joliet Township High School, Joliet
1991-1993 Teacher: Adult ESL Education; St. Joseph, Rockdale and
Director of Gift Shop: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
1993-1994 Tutor/Gift Shop: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
1994-1995 Gift Shop: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet and
Special Services at Joliet Township High School, Joliet
1995-1996 Gift Shop: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
1996-1997 Manager: Gift Shop; Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
1997-2001 Volunteer: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
2001-2002 Community Service: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
2002-2003 Tutor: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
2003-2014 Community Service: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

Wake: Thursday, June 5, 2014, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Prayer Service: Thursday, June 5, 2014, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, June 5, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Burial: Friday, June 6, 2014, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to
Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
Interment: Section 8, Lot 333, Grave 10, Resurrection Cemetery
Predeceased by: By her parents, Andrew Prindes and Hermina (Kovacik) Prindes; her brothers, John,
Joseph and Anthony
Survived by: Her sister, Emily, nieces and nephews

Rest in Peace, Sister Andrea