

Alleluia!

Sister Irene Wlodarski, CSF

Sister Irene Wlodarski was born one of 11 children on August 2, 1920, to Walter and Rosalia (Janicki) Wlodarski in Joliet, Illinois. Baptized at Holy Cross Parish in Joliet, she was given the name Irene Rita. All of her brothers and sisters, Leo, Felix, Peter, Steven, Edward, John, Anna, Helen, Sr. Charitas, and Mary preceded her in death. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Irene attended grade school at Holy Cross School and high school at St. Francis Academy. On September 6, 1937, Irene entered the postulancy of our congregation along with her older sister, Rose. When they became novices on August 12, 1938, Irene received the name, Sister Mary Walter, and Rose received the name, Sister Mary Charitas.

Sister Mary Walter professed her temporary vows in 1940 and her final vows in 1943. She continued her academic career at the College of St. Francis from which she received a B.A. degree, Cum Laude. Her M. A. degree was received at De Paul University in Chicago, Illinois. Sister Mary Walter began her long, dedicated, 50 year career as a teacher at Sacred Heart Englewood, Chicago, Illinois. After 19 years of teaching in grade school, she began her high school career. She remained at this level for the remainder of her teaching years. Sometime after Vatican II, Sister Mary Walter returned to her baptismal name and was known as Sister Irene. Sister Irene was known as an exemplary English and Latin teacher. During these years she was also a Class Moderator, Department Chair and Diocesan Language Chairperson. She is remembered by her former students and parallel teachers in many ways.

Even when Sister Irene retired to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in 1990, she continued to help by tutoring at the St. Francis Reading



Center located at the Motherhouse and at OLA, meeting the needs of students who needed that extra help. In addition she volunteered more than 11,000 hours of her time to various projects at OLA and served in whatever capacity she could.

As her health waned these past years, she spent much of her time praying, corresponding with family and friends, and reading current educational and spiritual articles. She was often visited by her niece Mary Rita and her nephew Jack. These were indeed very precious times for Sister Irene.

It was on the morning of Friday, June 13, 2008, that Sister Irene was admitted to the hospital. She gradually weakened and early in the morning of June 15, 2008, she quietly went home to the God that she loved and served so faithfully for these many years. Her suffering is now ended, and we pray that she will enjoy this reunion with all the family, sisters and friends in a spirit of peace and joy for all eternity. We remember her nieces and nephews, who will greatly miss her. We pray for her remaining classmates, Sisters Anne Flaska and Marie Grunloh, and all the sisters in our congregation who learned from her and shared many experiences with her. We pray for the hundreds of students she mentored and taught through the years that they may be strengthened in their faith and be blessed with many graces.

We thank our God for the gift of Sister Irene. We rejoice that she is at peace. Amen. Alleluia.

Sister Irene Wlodarski, OSF

August 2, 1920 — June 15, 2008

<i>Born:</i>	August 2, 1920
<i>Parents:</i>	Walter and Rosalia (Janicki) Wlodarski
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 6, 1937
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1938
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1940
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1943
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	June 15, 2008

Ministry History

1940-1952	Teacher: Grades 3,5,6; Sacred Heart Englewood, Chicago
1953-1956	Teacher: Grades 5 and 6; Chicago
1956-1959	Teacher: Grade 7; St. Pascal, Chicago
1959-1962	Teacher: Latin, Religion, Communication Arts; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago
1962-1969	Teacher: Latin, Head of Language Department; Bishop Ready High School, Columbus, Ohio
1969-1990	Teacher: English, Latin; St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1990-1991	Retired
1991-2002	Tutor: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet
2002-2008	Retired

<i>Wake:</i>	Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Wake Service:</i>	Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Thursday, June 19, 2008, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 8:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	S8-L343-G3 Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, Walter and Rosalia (Janicki) Wlodarski; sisters Mary Wlodarski, Anna Gorski, Sr. Charitas, OSF, Helen Hasse, and brothers Leo, Felix, Peter, Steven, Edward and John.
<i>Survived by:</i>	Nieces and nephews and her Joliet Franciscan sisters.

Rest in Peace, Sister Irene