

**SISTER M. CYRIL COONEY O.S.F. (Mary Rose) 692**

**Born:** August 30, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois  
**Parents:** John J. and Caroline (Stocker) Cooney  
**Postulancy:** September 8, 1933  
**Novitiate:** August 12, 1934  
**First Profession:** August 12, 1936  
**Final Profession:** August 12, 1939  
**Died:** Wednesday, October 30, 1991 at  
Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet



**Ministry:**

1936 - 1937 St. Joseph, Pesotum, IL, Domestic Work  
St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1937 - 1939 Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, OH, Domestic Work  
1939 - 1943 St. Joseph, Blakeslee, OH, Domestic Work  
1943 - 1944 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Domestic Work  
1944 - 1945 Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, OH, Domestic Work  
1945 - 1946 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
St. Dennis, Benton, MO, Domestic Work  
1946 - 1947 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
Sacred Heart, Lillyville, IL, Domestic Work  
1947 - 1948 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1948 - 1951 St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1951 - 1952 St. Wenceslas, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1952 - 1954 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1954 - 1955 St. Wenceslas, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1955 - 1959 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1959 - 1960 St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Domestic Work  
1960 - 1961 St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
1961 - 1962 Assumption, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work  
Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
1962 - 1972 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Domestic Work  
1972 - 1991 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

**Wake:** Friday, November 1, 1991 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

**Mass of Christian Burial:** Friday, November 1, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.

**Burial:** Saturday, November 2, 1991 at 9:00 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery

*For those who have been faithful, O Lord,  
life is not ended, but merely changed.*

Early Wednesday evening, October 30, 1991, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, our Sister Cyril Cooney was born to life eternal. She often spoke of her longing to pass from her life of intense suffering, through death, to a new life with God. We rejoice with her!

Sister Cyril was given the name Mary Rose when she was born August 30, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, to Caroline and John Cooney. She had one brother, Matthew, who is now deceased. She wrote about her parents' love for each other, and her happy childhood. Both her parents died before she entered religious life.

Sister Cyril was twenty-eight years old, the oldest in her class, when she became a postulant in 1933. She lived to celebrate her Golden Jubilee of First Profession in 1986. We know that before she entered the Congregation she was studying Accounting at a Business School in Chicago, Illinois but she never had the opportunity to complete her studies in that field.

In ministry she spent twenty-six years serving our Sisters as a domestic. She served in sixteen different mission houses in Illinois and Ohio. We can only imagine how difficult it must have been to be constantly moving, as the needs for her services changed. She wrote these words about Obedience. "When I obey my superior, I must think it is the Lord speaking; even if it is to go into the kitchen and scrub floors. Whatever I do it is all the same, because I am doing it for the love of God."

In 1962 she came to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home to help with general work. In 1972 she retired there. The Sisters at Our Lady of Angels will long remember her as an avid reader, interested in current events, always ready to share the latest happenings with them during coffee break time on D 2 wing.

We remember Sister Cyril as a quiet, unassuming person, who seemed surprised when people were interested in her. Her attitude toward her Sisters is reflected in these words, "I think the most important thing necessary in religious life is kindness, and overlooking the faults of others. God gives me the strength to keep on, and to have kindness and compassion for people who are suffering in any way." Her words speak of the quality of her life.

In September, 1990, Sister Cyril fell and broke her hip. Her heart condition made surgery impossible. She suffered greatly. Until her last moment she remained alert, patient, never complaining, grateful for any kindness shown to her. We will not forget her great courage and deep faith. How significant it is that we celebrate her life, death and resurrection on the feast of All Saints.

Sister Cyril, we thank you for your fifty-eight years as our Sister. You have taught us life lessons of faithful unselfish service, and deep faith. May you now experience the fullness of life, without pain, forever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!

