

SISTER M. RACHEL HUDACHKO O.S.F. (Anna) 643

Born: March 3, 1906
Parents: John and Anna (Sabolchik) Hudachko
Postulancy: September 8, 1930
Novitiate: August 12, 1931
First Profession: August 12, 1933
Final Profession: August 12, 1937
Died: Friday, September 30, 1988 at 2:10 p.m. at
Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home



Ministry:

1933 - 1939	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6
1939 - 1941	Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL, Grades 3 and 4
1941 - 1944	SS. Peter & Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 4
1944 - 1945	St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
1945 - 1947	Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Grade 3
1947 - 1951	St. Francis de Sales, Toledo, OH, Grade 3
1951 - 1953	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 2 and 3
1953 - 1954	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Grade 4
1954 - 1955	Sacred Heart, Huron St., Chicago, IL, Grades 3 and 4
1955 - 1956	St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Grade 2
1956 - 1959	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 2 and 3
1959 - 1961	St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grade 4
1961 - 1962	St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grade 5
1962 - 1963	St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Grades 4 and 5
1963 - 1964	St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Grade 4
1964 - 1965	St. Jude, Joliet, IL, Grade 4
1965 - 1967	St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
1967 - 1969	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
1969 - 1970	St. Clement, Chicago, IL, General Work
1970 - 1974	St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Librarian
1974 - 1981	St. Francis Academy Sisters' Residence, Joliet, IL
1981 - 1988	Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Wednesday, October 5, 1988 from 2 - 7 p.m.
Prayer Service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, October 5, 1988 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, October 6, 1988 in Streator, Illinois

Survived by sisters: Julie Sopko, Veronica Gibbons and Mary Hudachko

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

October 5, 1988

During this week as we celebrate the Transitus of our Brother Francis from life on earth to life eternal, we celebrate the transitus of our Sister Rachel Hudachko. Sister Rachel died at Our Lady of Angels Friday afternoon, September 30, 1988. Her classmate, Sister Archangela Augustine was with her in prayer at her bedside.

Anna Hudachko was born in 1906 to John and Anna Hudachko. She is survived by three sisters, Julie, Veronica and Mary. We extend our sympathy to them, and to all who called Sister Rachel friend, classmate, and sister.

St. Stephen in Streator, IL was Sister Rachel's home parish. In 1933 she wrote, "during all my childhood days my one desire was to be a sister." Her desire was nurtured in that close parish community which boasts of nurturing the vocations of 21 women who entered our Congregation. In 1930 she became a postulant and in 1983 she celebrated her Golden Jubilee.

For thirty seven years Sister Rachel taught grades 3,4,5 in many of our schools in Ohio and Illinois. She wrote about her ministry with children saying, "I delight in the development of the minds and souls of God's little ones."

She retired to OLA in 1981. These final years of her life were not easy for her. She was very frail, and needed total nursing care. And she truly received that care from our sisters, and the wonderful nurses and aides at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home.

Sister Rachel became very dear to many of her aides at OLA, and it was touching to know of their sadness when she died. They said that her smile won their hearts. During these final years she would hum, pretend to play the piano, and conduct music for her little children. We will always remember Sister Rachel humming Christmas carols and hymns to Our Lady.

We learned lessons of patient waiting for transitus from our Sister Rachel. We know she welcomed Sister Death with open arms and a song in her heart. We thank you Sister Rachel for the many years of your life you shared with us. We will miss you! We rejoice with you as you experience life eternal. Amen! Alleluia!

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