

Sister Anna Marie Simon, O.S.F. (Patricia) 731

Born: July 28, 1913
Parents: Edward and Amanda Simon
Entered from: St. Thomas, Crystal Lake, IL
Postulancy: September 2, 1929
Novitiate: August 12, 1930
Profession: August 12, 1932
Died: Thursday April 27, 1995 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home at 7:15 p.m.



Ministry:

1932 - 37 St. Joseph, Manhattan, IL, Domestic Work
1937 - 40 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL, Domestic Work
1940 - 42 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Domestic Work
1942 - 44 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Domestic Work
1944 - 45 St. John the Baptist, Payne, OH, Domestic Work
1945 - 46 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
1946 - 47 St. Mary, Green Creek, IL, Domestic Work
1947 - 48 St. Joseph, Manhattan, IL, Domestic Work
1948 - 50 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL, Domestic Work
1950 - 52 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Refectorian
1952 - 53 St. Joseph, Manhattan, IL, Domestic Work
1953 - 60 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, General Assistant
1960 - 61 St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Domestic Work
1961 - 62 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, General Assistant
1962 - 71 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, General Work
1971 - Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Monday May 1, 1995
2-7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Monday May 1, 1995
at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Tuesday May 2, 1995 leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:30 a.m. to
Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL, S8-L352-G4.

Survived by: nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Sister Anna Marie Simon was born in Crystal Lake, Illinois on July 28, 1913 to Edward and Amanda Simon. She was baptized on August 10 of that same year at St. Thomas Church in Crystal Lake. She attended grammar school in Crystal Lake and received her First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Thomas Parish.

At age 16, Anna Marie became a postulant with the Franciscan Sisters in Joliet. Her pastor, Father Edwin McCormick wrote these words about her in a letter dated June 10, 1929: "Anna Marie Simon is a very pious young lady and I take great pleasure in recommending her." When Anna Marie was received into the Novitiate on August 12, 1930, she was given the name Sister Patricia. In a letter to Mother Thomasine, requesting to make vows, Sister Patricia expressed her appreciation for the Congregation and her desire to live as a Franciscan Sister. She wrote: "In appreciation and gratitude to the community, I wish to thank you, Mother, for the two years of Novitiate and the beautiful instruction on religious life." The following August 12, Sister Patricia pronounced her vows and continued her life of dedication and service for over 60 years.

Her first assignment was in Manhattan, Illinois where she did domestic work to help the Sisters who were teaching at St. Joseph Parish. Sister Rose Angela recognized her as a "very fine cook." After five years of service in Manhattan, Sister Patricia went to St. Mary's in Rock Island, Illinois, to help the Sisters there. Sister Patricia suffered much in her life because of poor health, but continued to be of service to her Sisters in various convents in Illinois and Ohio.

In 1962 Sister Patricia came to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home where she was active in crafts, sewing and activity events. She prayed daily for the needs of the world. When given the option, Sister Patricia went back to using her baptismal name of Sister Anna Marie.

On June 13, 1992 Sister Anna Marie joined with her classmates and other Jubilarians as she celebrated her Diamond Jubilee marking 60 years of religious service.

Following a recent fall, Sister Anna Marie was hospitalized at St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. As her strength failed even more, she communicated mainly with a smile. On April 27, as the nursing staff was assisting her, she quietly breathed her last, going peacefully to meet her God.

Sister Anna Marie, we thank you for the gift of your life and prayer among us. We thank you for your support of prayer and the many ways that you gave of yourself to help others. May you now be welcomed to God's heavenly mansion, where you will know no more pain or suffering. May you continue to pray for us, your family, and your Franciscan Sisters. May you live in God's peace forever. Amen. Alleluia.

