

SISTER M. MAURA TREZEK, O.S.F. (Mary) 681

Born: October 15, 1900 in Prague, Czechoslovakia
Parents: Wenceslas and Frances (Cejka) Trezek
Postulant: September 17, 1918
Novitiate: August 12, 1919
First Profession: August 12, 1921
Final Profession: August 12, 1924
Died: Sunday, February 17, 1991 at 7:43 a.m.
at St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet



Ministry:

1920 - 1921 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grades 2 and 3
1921 - 1928 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Grade 1
1928 - 1930 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Commercial Arts
1930 - 1937 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Shorthand, Typing, Bookkeeping
Commercial Geography and Science
1937 - 1938 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Religion, Typing, Shorthand
Commercial Arithmetic, Law, Bookkeeping and English
1938 - 1939 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Religion, English, Typing,
Shorthand, History and Science
1939 - 1940 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 1
1940 - 1941 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Grades 3 & 4
1941 - 1946 SS. Cyril & Methodius, Chicago, IL, Grade 4
1946 - 1947 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 4
1947 - 1952 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Typing, Shorthand, Latin
Librarian
1952 - 1953 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Typing and Shorthand
1953 - 1968 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Superior, Principal of High School,
Latin, Shorthand, Typing, Algebra, Librarian
1968 - 1969 SS. Peter & Paul, Chicago, IL, Religion, Typing, General
Business
1969 - 1983 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Business Courses
and Assistant Librarian
1983 - 1991 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Tuesday, February 19, 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: Tuesday, February 19, 1991 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Wednesday, February 20, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.
Interment at Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by brother, George Trezek

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

At the turn of the century on October 15, 1900, Mary Trezek was born to Frances and Wenceslaus Trezek in Prague, Czechoslovakia. As a young child she emigrated to America with her family and settled in Chicago in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish. She was one of seven children and is survived by her one brother, George.

Who was Sister Maura? A dedicated religious for seventy-three years, a Franciscan at heart in her simplicity and unobtrusive manner, a primary teacher and a high school business instructor, principal, superior and librarian, a Czech native and eventually an American citizen.

Her teaching career was a demanding one; one which took her during her sixty years of teaching from primary grades to high school; then to fourth grade because there was a need to fill, and again back into high school after eight years. She eventually became assistant librarian before retiring at Our Lady of Angels. She was always ready to serve wherever she was needed, in Cleveland, in Mansfield, in Chicago or Joliet.

Since Sister Maura spent many years teaching commercial arts subjects, it is so fitting that her obituary for the newspaper was the first one to be faxed from the motherhouse.

Sisters who lived with Sister Maura remember her gentleness and kind manner. Her even-tempered disposition made her most approachable and she always had a listening ear. Her conviction that each house of sisters should live together in a loving family spirit made her available to them.

Besides the embodiment of the Franciscan qualities of simplicity and humility, joy and serenity of spirit, Sister Maura had a genuine laughter that shook her whole being. She would close her eyes tightly and enjoy the story or incident. Endearingly the students at St. Francis Academy called her "cookie jar". Even her doctor gave her a little kiss when she had an office appointment.

We thank you, Sister Maura, for these many years you have given to the Congregation and in serving the people of God. We hand you over gently into the arms of your God. Amen. Alleluia.

