

SISTER M. LORRAINE YOUNG O.S.F. (Mary Rita) 699

Born: April 12, 1907
Parents: Frank G. and Katherine V. (Heim) Young
Postulancy: February 22, 1926
Novitiate: August 12, 1926
First Profession: August 12, 1928
Final Profession: August 12, 1931
Died: Monday, July 13, 1992 at 4:15 a.m. at
St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet



Ministry:

1928 - 1941 St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Grade 4, Grade 1
1941 - 1943 SS Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Freshman,
Sophomore homeroom, Religion, English, Latin
1943 - 1944 Sacred Heart - Englewood, Chicago, IL, Junior
homeroom, Religion, English, Latin
1944 - 1950 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL, Superior, Principal
Grade 8
1950 - 1951 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Superior, Principal,
Grade 8
1951 - 1954 St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet, IL, Superior, Principal,
Grade 6, 7, 8
1954 - 1955 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Superior,
Principal, Grades 7, 8
1955 - 1956 St. Rita, Aurora, IL, Superior, Principal, Grade 4
1956 - 1957 Student, Cardinal Stritch College
1957 - 1963 Archdiocesan Consultant: Reading Program,
Chicago, IL
1963 - 1968 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Education Dept.
1968 - 1969 Archdiocese of Chicago, Administration,
Education Coordinator
1969 - 1970 Motherhouse, Joliet, IL, Administration
1970 - 1972 Central Administration, Joliet, IL, Area Coordinator
1972 - 1976 Motherhouse, Joliet, IL, Consultant for Teacher Personnel
1976 - 1977 Neboschick Clinic, Aurora, IL, Clinician
1977 - 1981 FranCenter Clinic, Westmont, IL, Director
1981 - 1982 Lorraine Young Learning Center, Darien, IL,
Administrator
1982 - 1984 FranCenter, Darien, IL, Administrator
1984 - 1988 St. John Chrysostom Parish, Bellwood, IL,
Parish Ministry
1988 - 1992 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Wednesday, July 15, 1992 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service at 4:30 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, July 15, 1992 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, July 16, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. at
Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by her brother Kenneth and his wife Eleanor, her sister Katherine Salewski, her sister-in-law Margaret Young and cousins, nieces and nephews among whom are Sister Kathleen Salewski, Sister Mary Jo Young, and Associate Jeanne Foley.

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

Sister Lorraine was born to Frank Young and Katherine Heim Young on April 12, 1907. She was taken to Visitation Church for Baptism and given the name Ave Maria Magdaline. Confirmed at Sacred Heart Church in Englewood, she added the name Rita and became known as Mary Rita. Having completed grammar school at Sacred Heart and two years of commercial school, Mary Rita entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Joliet as a postulant in February of 1926. As a novice, Mary Rita was given the name Sister Mary Lorraine.

Already in her early days in the convent, the traits we have come to know and love in her today were recognized. Sister Lorraine was described as "religious and enthusiastic." In her early days as an educator, Sister Edna, her first Principal noted, "Sister Lorraine presents herself in an interesting way and she is very inventive... Her classroom activities spell success, no doubt, due to her originality and creative efforts." Sister Edna recognized the indications of an outstanding educator and mentored her to excellence, for Sister Lorraine was an avid learner, as well as a creative educator.

Sister Lorraine ministered over 50 years as an educator, and as a mentor for other educators. Her accomplishments are many, including years in administration, Consultant for the Chicago Archdiocesan Reading Program, and Director of a diagnostic learning center, which for a time bore her name, the Lorraine Young Learning Center. Sister also authored several books and articles. Sister Lorraine always recognized the dignity of the learner and brought out the very best in each student. As a student remarked, "Sister Lorraine loved me so unconditionally, I felt that I could accomplish anything." In later years, Sister Lorraine also found joy as a pastoral minister and spread that joy to others.

Sister Lorraine was always enthusiastic about her family, her Franciscan Sisters, and those with whom she worked. It was on July 12th, 1992 at Our Lady of Angels in Joliet, as Sister Lorraine was putting the last thing in her suitcase to make the trip to be with her family at the time of the wake and funeral for her Aunt Babe, Lucille Casker, that Sister Lorraine's travel plans were interrupted by a fall. She was taken by ambulance to St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. It was there, later that day, surrounded by family and Sisters, that she was diagnosed as having a massive blood clot. Sister Ann Sharp and Sister Dominic Krivich prayed the Rosary in her presence and at 4:15 a.m. on July 13, Sister Lorraine began the Glorious mysteries of her own life as she went forth to meet her God.



It is our hope, Sister Lorraine, that your family whom you leave behind: Kenneth and Eleanor Young, Katherine Salewski, Margaret Young, Sisters Kathleen Salewski and Mary Jo Young, your relatives, the members of your Franciscan family, and especially your long-time friend, Sister Dominic Krivich, will live on in the gift of love and acceptance that you have bequeathed to us. May you now experience the depth and the beauty of God's unconditional love for you, Lorraine. Amen.. Alleluia.