



## *Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate*

On the morning of December 9, 2019, our sister, David Ann Hoy, fulfilled her heartfelt desire to conclude her life as she had lived it - inspired and sustained by the example of Mary Immaculate. Baptized into life in Christ on the feast of the Immaculate Conception ninety years ago, she peacefully entered into eternal life on the same feast, giving everlasting voice to the words of Mary that inspired and sustained her throughout her religious life: "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord."

Born in Groveport, Ohio, on November 6, 1929, Rose Mary Hoy was welcomed into life by her parents Alice (Morgan) and Arthur Hoy and her older brother Thomas. In the years that followed, Rose Mary's family grew to include a sister, Jean Ann, and two additional brothers, William and David. Sadly, in October of 1934, David died in infancy at seven months of age, a loss that was heart-breaking for the entire Hoy family, and especially so for five-year old Rose Mary, who carried David's memory with her throughout her life.

Educated in Columbus, Ohio, Rose Mary's childhood school days began and unfolded at Immaculate Conception Elementary School. It was there that she first came to know and love the Joliet Franciscan sisters who were her teachers and sources of inspiration. During her high school years, Rose Mary studied at Our Lady of Victory Academy, where her call to religious life was nurtured and influenced further by the example of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky. However, when it came to choosing a charism, St. Francis of Assisi won out over St. Vincent de Paul!

In September of 1947, Rose Mary entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate as a postulant. On August 12, 1948, she was received into the novitiate and given her religious name Sister M. David Ann. She professed her first vows on August 12, 1950, and professed her final vows on August 12, 1953. As a student at the College of Saint Francis, Sr. David Ann excelled at mathematics, while also showing aptitude for education as well as human service, an area of professionalization that she would later pursue at Marillac College in St. Louis.

Beginning in the Fall of 1950, Sr. David Ann's life in ministry was characterized by a passionate enthusiasm for living out the Gospel in everyday life. Effortlessly, she embodied and cultivated the Franciscan values of joy, compassion, hospitality, availability and humor. For thirty-five years, she devoted herself to the education, faith formation and protection of children and families in Illinois, Ohio, Missouri and Alabama. As teacher, housemother, advocate and social worker, she created an atmosphere of stability, dependability and confidence. Every child and vulnerable adult under her care, along with every co-worker with whom she

# *Alleluia!*



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shared responsibility for making the world a better place, felt a certain sense of security, well-being and hopefulness. As long as Sr. David Ann was in your midst, there was no reason to worry. Everything was under control.

Upon Sr. David Ann's return to the Joliet area in 1985, she set her many gifts, abilities and insights at the service of the Motherhouse and the community at large. For ten years, she brought light and life to the sisters whom she served with an open, generous, creative and grateful heart. During the next decade, she ventured into parish life and invested her energies in the ministry of pastoral care at Saint Alphonsus Parish in Lemont, Illinois, and Saints Faith, Hope and Charity in Winnetka, Illinois. In between these two parochial commitments, she also served as coordinator for the sisters at Our Lady of Angels.

As Sr. David Ann's seventy-seventh birthday approached, the wisdom of years positioned her well for the ministry of initial formation and countless opportunities for community service. For the next several years, her personal witness and attentiveness to the hopes and needs of others proved to be a source of grace and blessing for all those who were touched and influenced by her untiring Franciscan spirit and genuine openness to the new and the unknown.

Remembered for her empathy, kindness and light-heartedness, Sr. David Ann also was an exemplar when it came to being realistic about the human condition, to being a reconciling presence and of being sister in the best of times and the most difficult of times. Once, when asked to describe her vision for the Congregation, she simply said: "I see our gift from the past for the present to the future, to be that of having the courage to search, with God's help, for the best means of meeting the needs of God's people, and then, risking - willingly - to work at accomplishing our goal." As we remember with fondness the life and legacy of our Sister David Ann, may we take to heart her vision and her confidence in our giftedness as a Congregation to be courageous and willing risk-takers for the sake of the people of God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## *Sister M. David Ann Hoy, OSF*

*November 6, 1929— December 9, 2019*

<i>Born:</i>	November 6, 1929
<i>Parents:</i>	Arthur Melvin Hoy and Alice Marie (Morgan) Hoy
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 2, 1947
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1948
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1950
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1953
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	December 9, 2019

### **Ministry History**

1950-1954	Teacher: Grades 2 and 3, St. John the Baptist, Joliet, Illinois
1954-1957	Teacher: Grades 1 and 2, Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, Illinois
1957-1959	Teacher: Grade 3, St. Bernard, Joliet, Illinois
1959-1960	Teacher: Grades 1 and 2, Annunciation, Aurora, Illinois
1960-1963	Teacher: Grades 1 and 2, St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, Illinois
1963-1965	Teacher: Grade 2, Holy Family, Cleveland, Ohio
1965-1966	Teacher: Grade 1, St. Mary, Fairfield, Ohio
1966-1971	House Mother / Prefect: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, Illinois
1971-1972	Student: Marillac College, St. Louis, Missouri
1973-1974	Social Worker, Catholic Charities, Toledo, Ohio
1974-1976	Family Worker: St. Francis de Sales Achievement S., Toledo, Ohio
1976-1980	Case Worker: Catholic Social Services, Toledo, Ohio
1980-1985	Case Worker: St. Anthony Villa, Toledo, Ohio
1985-1992	Co-Administrator: Motherhouse, Joliet, Illinois
1992-1995	Resident Coordinator: Motherhouse, Joliet, Illinois
1995-1996	Sabbatical: Tau Center, Winona, Minnesota
1996-1999	Director of Pastoral Care: St. Alphonsus Parish, Lemont, Illinois
1999-2002	Resident Coordinator: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, Illinois
2002-2003	Pastoral Assistant: Faith, Hope, Charity Parish, Winnetka, Illinois
2003-2004	Parish Minister: Faith, Hope, Charity Parish, Winnetka, Illinois
2004-2005	Director of Pastoral Care: Faith, Hope, Charity Parish, Winnetka, Illinois
2005-2006	Pastoral Care: Faith, Hope, Charity Parish, Winnetka, Illinois
2006-2019	Community Service: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, Illinois

<i>Wake:</i>	Thursday, December 12, 2019, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Thursday, December 12, 2019, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Thursday, December 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Friday, December 13, 2019, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 345, Grave 2, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents: Arthur Melvin Hoy and Alice Marie (Morgan) Hoy, her brothers, William and David
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her brother, Thomas (Donna), her sister, Jean Bryant, and sister-in-law, Gertrude Hoy

*Rest in Peace, Sister David Ann!*