



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

In the early morning of December 13, the Feast of Saint Lucy, as Sister Clarita's time of watchful waiting at the bedside of Sister Agnes Marie was coming to a close, Sister Agnes Marie drew her last breath and gave herself completely into the embrace of her loving God to whom she had given her whole life.

A native of Rockdale, Illinois, Theresa was born on October 7, 1924, to Mary (Karl) and Anton Kovacic. One of eleven children, she had three brothers — Anthony, George and Lawrence — and seven sisters — Agnes (Sr. Lambert), Marie, Louise, Margaret Rose, Anna, Antonia and Catherine. Sister Agnes Marie attended the Rockdale Public School and Joliet Township High School where she enjoyed her position in the marching band. She graduated from Saint Francis Academy and the College of Saint Francis. In 1944 she began a lengthy service of teaching, including serving as a Prefect of small boys at Guardian Angel Home in Joliet.

In 1983, Sister Agnes Marie retired from teaching and began a ministry of healthcare in patients' homes. She earned a certificate as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) and continued in that ministry until after the turn of the century, at which time Sister Agnes Marie offered her services as needed at Guardian Angel Home and at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. In the spring of 1994 her home parish of Saint Joseph in Rockdale chose Sister Agnes Marie to represent

# *Alleluia!*



*Sister Agnes Marie Kovacic, OSF*

the parish as the Woman of the Year by the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Even in her retirement years, Sister Agnes Marie was available to help out as needed. She treasured her vegetable garden and loved to cook and prepare food for others. She was skilled in various craft works and art projects. She was known for having a great collection of things she was saving to use in her hobbies.

Sister Agnes Marie was a prayerful woman. She was aware of the needs of others and helped out where she could. She had a dry sense of humor and a captivating twinkle in her eye. She will be remembered for her willingness to be of service to others.

In her final illness Sister Agnes Marie would often grasp a small wooden cross made of olive wood as she prayed in her bed. That treasured cross was in her hands as she took her last breath and gave herself into God's loving embrace.

## *Sister Agnes Marie Kovacic, OSF*

*October 7, 1924 — December 13, 2018*

<i>Born:</i>	October 7, 1924
<i>Parents:</i>	Anton Kovacic and Mary (Karl) Kovacic
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 8, 1941
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1942
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1944
<i>Perpetual Final Vows:</i>	August 12, 1947
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	December 13, 2018

### **Ministry History**

1944-1945	Teacher: Grade 2, St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, Illinois
1945-1946	Teacher: Grade 3, St. Pascal, Chicago
1946-1948	Teacher: Grade 2, St. Mary, Columbus, Ohio
1948-1950	Teacher: Grade 2, Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago
1950-1951	Teacher: Grades 3 and 4, St. Bonafice, Chicago
1951-1959	Teacher: Grades 2 and 4, St. Francis of Assisi, Chicago
1959-1960	Prefect, Small Boys, Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, Illinois
1960-1962	Teacher: Grade 1, St. Francis of Assisi, Chicago
1962-1964	Teacher: Grade 1, St. John's, Joliet
1964-1965	Sacristan: St. Raymond, Joliet
1965-1968	Church Work: St. Raymond, Joliet
1969-1973	Teacher: Grade 2, St. John the Baptist, Joliet
1973-1983	Teacher: Grade 2, St. Joseph, Elgin, Illinois
1983-1989	Health Care Ministry to the Elderly: Patient's Home, Joliet area
1989-1992	Certified Nursing Assistant: Patient's home, Joliet area
1992-1996	Family Care/Certified Nursing Assistant: Sister's home, Rockdale, Illinois
1996-2002	Family Care/Certified Nursing Assistant: Sister's home, Morton Grove, Illinois
2002-2003	Community Service: Motherhouse, Joliet
2003-2008	Community Service: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet
2008-2018	Community Service: Our Lady of Angels Nursing Home, Joliet

<i>Wake:</i>	Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Wednesday, December 19, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Interment:</i>	Thursday, December 20, Section 8, Lot 349, Grave 10, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	By her parents, Anton Kovacic and Mary (Karl) Kovacic; three brothers, Anthony, George and Lawrence; and seven sisters, Agnes (Sr. Lambert), Marie, Louise, Margaret Rose, Anna, Antonia and Catherine
<i>Survived by:</i>	Cousins, nieces, nephews

*Rest in Peace, Sister Agnes Marie!*