

Sisters of St. Francis

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"I'm going to have to do some getting used to it. In the first place I'm going back to my hometown. But I know Mansfield more than I do Joliet." These were Sister Bernard Marie Campbell's words expressed eight years ago to a reporter for the *Mansfield News Journal* who interviewed her and Sister Paula Bingert on their departure from Mansfield after 144 years of our Sisters' having served there.

Yes, that change in 2015 did require some adjustment. But Bernard found comfort in the work that she did weekly for the Congregation at the Joliet Franciscan Center when she called donors to thank them for their contributions. Expressing that gratitude reminded her of the 19 years she had spent at Saint Peter's High School Development office thanking the alumni and benefactors for their support. Being at Our Lady of Angels, next door to Joliet Catholic Academy, where her nephew was the baseball coach, gave Bernard a chance to stay in touch with the high school athletic scene which had meant so much to her. Living at Our Lady of Angels where her brother Bob became a resident before he died there also brought family within reach in a new way. She had talked to her brother Tom in Florida twice a day for years following his heart transplant, but this was another special connection with "the boys." Her nieces and nephews were close at hand, also, including the children of her sisters Patricia and Dorothy, both of whom predeceased her.

Although the transition was hard, Bernie, with the help of Paula who prayed the Divine Office with her daily, opened and read cards and letters to her faithfully, and shared the visits of all that came from Mansfield, Ohio, found that the days became easier. In addition, Sisters Margaret McGuckin and Carol Jander offered their kitchen and their stirring strength in preparing the famous "Sister Bernie's Fudge" for the annual festival at Saint Peter's, an

Alleluia!



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item that continued to draw a high price in the bidding for those who were eager to support the grade and high school there.

When it came time to re-locate again, this time to Villa Franciscan, Sister Bernard Marie was readied by her previous move. The sharpness of her memories had faded just enough to make the change a less difficult one.

Surely now the ultimate transformation into the heavenly Kingdom has restored all of that vividness: the faces of those who went before her, the friendships renewed in the heavenly kingdom, and the warm embraces and praise --even greater than that of the annual "Birthday Bash" held at Saint Peter's for the parishioners over 75 years of age, and the final farewell there which feted the Sisters so lovingly.

Dear Sister Bernard Marie, named Mary Evelyn Campbell by your parents, we thank God for the 97 years that you lived and the 80 years that you spent with us, your Sisters and Associates. Yours was an example of devotion that is to be commended. Your heart was always with the young, and that kept you ever young at heart. "To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die" said the Scottish poet Thomas Campbell. Know that you live in our hearts today and for all eternity. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sister Bernard Marie Campbell, OSF

September 7, 1925—January 25, 2023

<i>Born:</i>	September 7, 1925
<i>Parents:</i>	Bernard J. Campbell and Evelyn J. Baskerville
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 8, 1942
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 13, 1943
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1945
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1948
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	January 25, 2023

Ministry History

1945-1946	Student: College of St Francis, Joliet, Illinois
1946-1955	Teacher: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Homeroom, Religion, Algebra, Plane and Solid Geometry, Geometry, History, Physics, Photography Club, Chemistry, Home Nursing, St. Peter, Mansfield, Ohio
1955-1957	Teacher: Sophomore and Junior Homeroom, Religion, Biology, Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry, Religion, Bio-Chem Club, Physical Education, Driver Training, Cisca, Apostolic Committee
1957-1959	Teacher: Junior Homeroom, Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry, Physical Education, Science Club, St. Mary, Columbus, Ohio
1959-1963	Teacher: Sophomore Homeroom and Sophomore Moderator, Religion, Biology, Chemistry, Geometry, Science Club, Sodality, Cisca, General Science
1963-1967	Teacher: Physics, Chemistry, Algebra, Photo Club, Science Club, Junior Moderator, Visual Aids, Photography, Homeroom, St. Peter's High School, NHS, Mansfield, Ohio
1967-1968	Teacher/Chair of Science Department: Chemistry, Physics, Geometry, Junior Class Photo Club, Audio Visual, St. Peter High School, Mansfield
1968-1973	Teacher: Physics, Chemistry, Algebra, Photo Club, Science Club, Junior Class Moderator, Visual Aids Director, Photography, Homeroom, St. Peter's High School, NHS, Mansfield
1973-1979	Teacher: Science, St. Peter High School, Mansfield
1979-1986	Teacher/Dean of Students: Science, St. Peter High School, Mansfield
1996-1997	Director of Service: St. Peter High School, Mansfield
1997-2005	Program/Development Associate: St. Peter High School, Mansfield
2005-2015	Development Assistant: St. Peter High School, Mansfield
2015-2016	Community Service, Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, Illinois
2016-2018	Mission Advancement Volunteer: Joliet Franciscan Center, Joliet, Illinois
2018-2023	Ministry of Prayer and Presence: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 345, Grave 5, Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, Bernard J. Campbell and Evelyn J. Baskerville, her brother Robert Campbell, her sisters Patricia Johnston and Dorothy Rink, her aunt Sr. Genevieve Marie Baskerville, OP, and her uncle, Fr. Edward Baskerville, M.M., and many nieces, nephews, students and friends
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her brother, Thomas Campbell

Rest in Peace, Sister Bernard Marie!