

# Alleluia!

## *Sister Marcelyn Adams, OSF*

Sister Marcelyn Adams was born on August 25, 1928, to Mary (Kurimyan) and John Adams in Joliet, Illinois. Baptized at St. Cyril and Methodius, Mary Ann began a long and committed relationship in the parish. Not only did she attend grade school there, but her father was a maintenance man at the school. I understand that he welcomed many of those cold recess bodies when Mary Ann or any of her other sisters and brothers took them to visit their dad. In so many other ways, Mary Ann remained devoted to this parish and its many activities.

Following grade school, Mary Ann attended Providence High School. From there, she entered the congregation as a postulant in 1946. Mary Ann began with us at two different times. She became a novice in 1947, but then left the congregation in 1949 only to be readmitted in 1950. When Mary Ann became a novice for the second time she received the name, Sister Mary Marcelyn, the name that she kept throughout her religious life. Sister Marcelyn professed her first vows in 1952 and her final vows in 1955. She received a BA and an MA degree from the College of St. Francis.

Sister Marcelyn began her career as a teacher in Illinois and Ohio. She especially liked working with the inner city children at St. Procopius in Chicago and was very saddened when in 1966 she was asked to come to Guardian Angel Home in Joliet. She expressed how she grieved her brother, Sparky, who had just died, and her children in Chicago. She came to Joliet with a heavy heart. However, it did not take long to have her spirits lifted as she worked with Sister Rose Spatny and other sisters and took on the responsibility of the older boys at Guardian Angel Home. As Sister Marcelyn said, "Adjusting to change is not easy, but it is good for us." She learned to love all aspects of the Home and began a long career caring for all those who were involved in some part of her ministry. During these years, she was a



caregiver, a liaison to the nurse, a coordinator of health services, a driver, a night staff worker and finally a receptionist who answered the phone, did office work and shared many happy moments. So often her very good friend was right there by her side during work hours as well as at family and other social events.

Sister Marcelyn was very devoted to her family and participated in many family events. She had her nephews and nieces visit the Home and did many fun things with them. She often was at one of her sisters' homes helping in whatever way she could. She laughed and enjoyed many fun activities with them, and her family was so devoted to her. Throughout her life, but especially in these last months of her illness, they were with her at the hospital and shared their love with her. We pray especially for her sister Loretta and her husband Jack, for many nieces and nephews who were so special to her, and we ask God to comfort them at this time of loss. We pray for all the sisters in community who will miss her smile and warm personality. As she meets her parents; her brother Sparky; her sisters Margie, Miriam and Veronica; and all the other relatives and sisters who have preceded her in death, we can just imagine the reunion, the stories that are shared and the happiness that they will all experience.

We know that the God that Sister Marcelyn prayed to and served so faithfully for so many years is holding her in a loving embrace with no pain, no machines and no discomfort present. May she rejoice forever in peace. Amen. Alleluia.

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*August 25, 1928 — August 31, 2007*

<i>Born:</i>	August 25, 1928
<i>Parents:</i>	John and Mary (Kurimyan)
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 6, 1946
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1950
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1952
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1955
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	August 31, 2007

### **Ministry History**

1952—1957	Teacher, Grades 2 and 4: St. Procop, Cleveland, Ohio
1957—1958	Teacher, Grade 4 and 5 : St. Peter, Mansfield, Ohio
1958—1959	Teacher, Grade 6: St. Michael, Worthington, Ohio
1959—1967	Teacher, Grades 5, 6 and 7: St. Procopius, Chicago
1967—1972	Prefect: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet
1972—1973	Child Care Worker: Guardian Angel Home
1973—1974	Child Care Worker and Health Coordinator: Guardian Angel Home
1974—1978	Health Service: Guardian Angel Home
1978—1991	Health Services Coordinator: Guardian Angel Home
1991—1995	Administrative Aide: Guardian Angel Home
1995—1997	Health Services: Guardian Angel Home
1997—2004	Administrative Aide: Guardian Angel Home
2004—2005	Administrative Aide and Receptionist: Guardian Angel Home
2005—2007	Receptionist: Guardian Angel Community Services

<i>Wake:</i>	Thursday, September 6, 2007, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Wake Service:</i>	Thursday, September 6, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Thursday, September 6, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Friday, September 7, 2007, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	S8-L338-G1 Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents John and Mary (Kurimyan) Adams, brother John, sisters Margaret Ferro, Sr. Miriam, SSpS and Sr. Veronica, OSF
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sister Loretta (Jack) Thomas, nieces and nephews

*Rest in Peace, Sister Marcelyn*