

Sister M. Marguerite Bambic, O.S.F.



Born: January 30, 1910  
 Parents: Joseph and Teresa (Klun) Bambic  
 Entered from: St. Joseph, Joliet  
 Postulancy: September 6, 1926  
 Novitiate: August 12, 1927  
 Profession: August 12, 1929  
 Died: Sunday, December 13, 1998 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL at 9:30 a.m.

Ministry:

1929 - 1933 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grades 2-6  
 1933 - 1942 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 5, 6,7  
 1942 - 1949 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Grades 5, 6  
 1949 - 1955 St. John, Payne, OH, Principal, Grades 6, 7, 8  
 1955 - 1956 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago, IL, Grade 8  
 1956 - 1957 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 7  
 1957 - 1958 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Grades 7, 8  
 1958 - 1960 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL, Grade 7  
 1960 - 1961 St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Grades 7, 8  
 1962 - 1963 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 8  
 1963 - 1964 St. Ann, Lansing, IL, Grade 8  
 1964 - 1967 Our Lady of Grace, Muskegon, MI, Principal, Grades 6, 7, 8  
 1967 - 1969 St. Mary, Plainfield, IL, Principal, Grade 8  
 1969 - 1974 St. Matthew, Champaign, IL, Grade 6, 8  
 1974 - 1982 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Grade 8  
 1982 - 1991 Substitute Teacher, Joliet, IL  
 1991 - 1996 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Retired  
 1996 - 1998 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Wednesday, December 16, 1998  
 2-7 p.m. with prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL  
 Wednesday, December 16, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, December 17, 1998 leaving Our Lady of Angels at  
 9:00 a.m. to St. Joseph Cemetery, Joliet, IL, L121 - G4

Survived by: many nieces and nephews

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

Sister Marguerite Bambic was born in Joliet, Illinois on January 30, 1910 to Joseph and Teresa Klun Bambic. On February 13 she was baptized Mary at St. Joseph Church in Joliet. Mary was the second youngest of six children, with three brothers: Joseph, Frank and Anton, and two sisters: Theresa and Angela. When Mary was sixteen years old, she came to St. Francis Convent to become a postulant. The following August 12, 1927, Mary received the Franciscan habit and the new name of Sister M. Marguerite.

Following first profession of vows on August 12, 1929, Sister Marguerite began her energetic ministry of teaching and elementary administration which would last for over 50 years. Her ministry took her to four states and many schools during those years. Her students admired her unique ways of motivating them to learn. Many of these students and their parents kept in contact with Sister Marguerite for many years. Sister Marguerite took great pride in being well prepared for any duty she performed and her classes were evidence of that. Some of her extracurricular activities included training altar boys and supervising the school student crossing guards. Sister Marguerite enjoyed directing pageants to help the students have a better understanding of history. Perhaps her own studies in the field of history guided her, for her baccalaureate thesis had been on the subject of medieval castles.

After her days of full-time ministry in education were completed, Sister Marguerite continued to serve as a substitute teacher while she lived at the Motherhouse in Joliet. She also volunteered her time for tutoring. She liked to sew, work crossword puzzles and enjoyed reading books on various subjects.

In 1996, Sister Marguerite retired at Our Lady of Angels in Joliet. As she reflected on the gift of her life, she was filled with gratitude. She was appreciative of the care and service she received and for the family and friends who visited and wrote to her. Always, she was grateful for the gift of her religious vocation and appreciated the inspiration her mother had been for her in her youth.

As her condition grew more frail, Sister Marguerite spent her time in quiet prayer. While members of her family and some of the Sisters gathered at her bedside on December 13, 1998, Sister Marguerite peacefully drew her last breath and experienced fully the meaning of the Advent refrain that was softly sung, "Come, Lord, Jesus..."

Sister Marguerite, we thank you for your love and dedication to spreading the good news through your teaching and your life. Pray for us, your relatives, friends and Franciscan family, that we may hear God's word and keep it. May you enjoy the gift of life in God's presence forever. Amen. Alleluia.

