

Alleluia!

Sister Cherubim Czahor, OSF

Sister Cherubim was born on March 17, 1916, to Vincent and Marcella Czahor in Chicago, Illinois and was baptized Josephine Rita at St. Adalbert's. She was one of five children. Her brothers Stanley and Frank and her sister Marcie preceded her in death, and her sister Sophie survives her. Josephine's early years were spent in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin where she attended grade school.

After attending St. Francis Academy in Joliet, Illinois, Josephine entered the convent and became a postulant on September 8, 1933, entered the Novitiate on August 12, 1934, and received the name Sister Cherubim. She professed her first vows in August 1936 and her final vows in 1939.

Sister Cherubim studied at many institutes of learning, earning her Bachelor degree at the College of St. Francis and her Master degree at Northern Illinois University. She also studied Art at Siena Heights in Adrian, Michigan, Cooper School of Art in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Art Institute of Chicago. In addition to her artistic training, Sister Cherubim also received a Nursing Assistant degree from Joliet Junior College. She was very interested in helping people wherever she was. Whether she was teaching Art, History, Religion or English at a grade or high school, repairing precious statues, teaching English as a second language at the Spanish Center, teaching in parish Religious Education programs, serving in the pastoral care department of a hospital or doing in-home nursing in people's homes, Sister Cherubim was serving the needs of God's people with delight and creativity. She loved being with people and being attentive to their needs.

She did not keep her love of art and her talent to herself or her students. Some of the places she exhibited her paintings, ceramics or sculptures were at the Toledo Art Museum, Joliet Artist's League, the Czahor-Kock Show, the Religious Art Festival, the Aquinas Art Festival of at the Pottery Expo in Munich, Germany. On more than one occasion, she was asked to display some of her paintings in France, but she



declined due to the excessive cost of shipping her pieces. Not only did she display her work, but she also sold many of her paintings.

Sister Cherubim served on various art boards and committees serving as President of the Joliet Artistic League for a time. Art was so much a part of her life. She often quoted Bernard Berenson in talking about her life and her love, "Without Art, visual, verbal and musical, our world would have remained a jungle." She often referred to the fact that her hope was that her painting and her other artistic works would lead people to a deep sense of contemplation, a place where they could reflect on the beauty of the world. As she stated, she saw herself as a pilgrim, grateful to God and others for offering her the choice of vocations on a gold platter. Her symbol was a flickering candle, bringing light and brightness into a sometimes dark world.

Sister Cherubim also loved to travel and visited many European countries. Highlights for her were her trips to Medjugorje and Canada to see the pope with Sister Miriam Jo. She loved visiting her relatives in Wisconsin and spending time with them.

Sister Cherubim, you have taught us so much. You have shared your love of beauty with us and modeled for us a sense of peace and joy. We thank you for being our sister and giving of yourself in so many ways. We pray for your classmates, Sisters Alcuin and Florence, for your sister, Sophie and all your relatives and for all of us who remain that we may continue to serve God's people with the love and dedication that you did for so many years.

May you rest peacefully forever. Amen.
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March 17, 1916 — February 28, 2008

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<i>Parents:</i>	Vincent and Marcella (Gorczyca) Czahor
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 8, 1933
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1934
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1936
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1939
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	February 28, 2008

Ministry History

1936-1937	Student: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1937-1939	Teacher: Grade 3; St. John the Baptist
1939-1941	Teacher: Grades 7 and 8; Holy Cross, Joliet
1941-1942	Teacher: Grade 7; St. Procop, Cleveland, Ohio
1942-1943	Teacher: History, Art, French; St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1943-1944	Teacher: English, American History, Health; SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago
1944-1946	Teacher: Art, History; St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1946-1954	Teacher: Art, History, First Aid, Red Cross; SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago
1954-1960	Teacher: English, Art, Red Cross; Marybrook Academy, Maumee, Ohio
1990-1975	Teacher: Art, History, Red Cross; St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1975-1976	Teacher: Art; Free Lance
1976-1983	Teacher: Art; Holy Family, Joliet Artists League, Richland, Private Lessons, Joliet and Crest Hill, Illinois
1983-1987	Teacher: Art; Private Lessons
1987-1994	Teacher: Art and ESL; St. Francis Academy, Joliet Township High School, Joliet
1994-1997	Teacher: Art; Private Lessons and On-Call Home Nurse
1997-1999	Teacher: Art; Private Lessons, Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet
1999-2008	Retired

<i>Wake:</i>	Monday, March 3, 2008, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Wake Service:</i>	Monday, March 3, 2008, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Monday, March 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Tuesday, Monday, March 4, 2008, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 8:30 a.m.
<i>Interment:</i>	S8-L6-G8 Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents Vincent and Marcella (Gorczyca) Czahor, sister Marie (Stanley) Korus, brothers Frank (Stephanie) and Stanley (Helen) Czahor
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sister Sophie (William) Wisocky, nieces and nephews

Rest in Peace, Sister Cherubim