

Sister M. Doris Dutko, O.S.F.

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Born: September 4, 1911
Parents: Peter and Mary (Zajac) Dutko
Entered from: St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA
Postulancy: September 5, 1927
Novitiate: August 12, 1928
Profession: August 12, 1930
Died: Thursday, February 10, 2000 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL at 12:45 p.m.

Ministry:

1930 - 1940 Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, IL, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
1940 - 1946 Assumption, Chicago, IL, Grades 4, 5, 6
1946 - 1947 St. Bernard, Joliet, IL, Grades 5, 6
1947 - 1951 Ss. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grades 6, 7
1951 - 1960 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grades 7, 8
1960 - 1962 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 8
1962 - 1963 Divine Savior, Chicago, IL, Grade 8
1963 - 1976 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 8, Principal
1976 - 1981 St. Coleman, Pompano Beach, FL, Principal
1981 - 1983 St. Coleman, Administrative Coordinator, Tutor
1983 - 1994 St. Coleman Parish, Secretary/Clerical Office, Assistant Bookkeeper
1994 - 1998 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Tutor,
St. Francis Reading Program
1998 - 2000 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Tuesday,
February 15, 2000 from 2-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Tuesday,
February 15, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Wednesday, February 16, 2000 leaving Our Lady of Angels at
9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
Section 8, Lot 337, Grave 8

Survived by: nieces, nephews, and cousins

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

Sister Doris Dutko was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to Peter and Mary Zajac Dutko on September 4, 1911. She was baptized Clara on September 10, 1911 at St. Stephen's Church. After completing grammar school at St. Stephen's and two years of high school, Clara came to Joliet to be a postulant with the Joliet Franciscan Sisters, to join the same Congregation as her sisters, Sister Emelia and Sister Rosette. In a letter of recommendation, her pastor wrote "She is a young lady of good moral habits and character and it is my firm conviction that she is a good candidate for the sisterhood. Last spring she received several marked distinctions for her application and mental abilities from our Diocesan Central Catholic High."

On August 12, 1928, Clara received the habit and was given the new name of Sister Mary Doris. After her first profession of vows on August 12, 1930, Sister Doris went to Chicago to teach at Sacred Heart School in the Englewood neighborhood. During her early years in Chicago, Sister Doris suffered the loss of her mother, an event which affected Sister Doris deeply.

Sister Doris also taught at Assumption School in Chicago, at St. Mary's in DesPlaines and at several other places in Chicago and Ohio. As a teacher, she challenged her students and gave them much practice in the basics. To give her students opportunities to grow in self confidence, she organized dance classes and social events. She took them on picnics and field trips. Sister Doris herself enjoyed travel. She visited Ireland and Rome and several other places in Europe and the Holy Land, as well as other places in the United States.

In 1963, Sister Doris was asked to serve as Principal at St. Clement's Grammar School in Chicago. In 1976, Sister Doris became Principal at St. Coleman's School in Pompano Beach, Florida. From 1981 to 1994, Sister Doris remained at St. Coleman's and worked in different capacities at the school and at the parish.

In 1994, Sister Doris came to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home and continued her teaching ministry as a tutor. Sister Doris enjoyed watching TV, especially news, civic events and sports. Michael McCaskey had been one of her students at Des Plaines, and so she took a special interest in keeping up with the Chicago Bears. Sister Doris liked to read and visit with her sister, Sister Rosette, as well as with the other sisters. She enjoyed going out for a sandwich. She also spent time reading and praying.

Just after Christmas 1999 Sister Doris fell and broke her leg. Even after surgery, which reset the bones, she was not able to walk and did not regain much strength. She was always appreciative of the help given to her at the hospital and at Our Lady of Angels by the nursing staff. Her spirit of prayer and dedication sustained her until February 10, 2000, when Sister Doris died as she had lived her life, quietly and peacefully.

Sister Doris, we thank you for the gift of your life shared so generously with others. May you continue to shine as a star, guiding those you taught by your example. Pray for us your Franciscan sisters, your family and your friends that our lives may also be a light to others. Amen. Alleluia.

