



## *Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate*

When it came to living the Gospel way of life, Sister Marie Grunloh was a Sister of St. Francis through and through. How appropriate that her soul would make its journey home to God on the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, where the words of the day's Gospel concluded: "The Kingdom of God is at hand for you." (Lk10:9) With a resolute and grateful heart, Sister Marie surely welcomed the arrival of Sister Death with great joy.

Born to John and Elizabeth (Schumacher) Grunloh, Marie was the fourth of six children. As a young girl in Green Creek, Illinois, Marie was intelligent and curious about the world around her. She received the faith passed on from her parents and extended family with eagerness and enthusiasm. Growing up at a time when two World Wars and the Great Depression shaped the lives and consciences of an entire generation, Marie was particularly attuned to God's holy manner of working in and through her life. Inspired and influenced by the Franciscan Friars of the Sacred Heart Province as well as the Joliet Franciscan Sisters, Marie (as well as her dear brothers, Rev. Donatus, OFM and Rev. Melvin, OFM), was nurtured in her desire to embrace the Franciscan way of life.

Marie entered the postulancy on November 14, 1937. The following year, she became a novice and received the name of an early Christian virgin and martyr. The one and only Sister Euphemia, applied herself not only as dedicated college student, but also as a rigorous and effective high school teacher of Latin and English at St. Francis Academy, Joliet, St. Peter High School, Mansfield, Ohio and Sacred Heart, Englewood. In 1982 she joined the staff at the Center for Correctional Concerns as Assistant Director and Instructor in the GED program. Before moving to Our Lady of Angels, she spent her last 2 years as a volunteer at Guardian Angel Community Services. Professing her final vows on August 12, 1940, she celebrated 71 years of consecrated life in 2011.

# *Alleluia!*



*Sister Marie Grunloh, OSF*

In the third chapter of her life, Sister Marie endeavored to read the signs of the times and respond as best she could to the pressing social needs she observed. A tireless advocate for peace and justice, she was committed to defending the human rights and dignity of all those adversely effected by poverty, lack of educational opportunity, racism, imprisonment, abuse and social marginalization.

In her later years, Sister Marie was recognized in great and small ways for her diverse contributions and volunteer services. In the final weeks of her life, Sister Marie was an example of courage, tenacity and sincerity. With labored breaths, she continued to give voice to the truth about her own mortality, her confidence in God and the consolation she found in the love of her sisters, especially those who companioned her throughout her final days.

Dying as she lived, she leaves to her Franciscan sisters and brothers, the members of her beloved family, her friends, former students and care-givers one request, that in her memory we continue the work of "being peace and goodness" in the name of the Most High God in whom she now rests for all eternity.

Amen, Alleluia!

## *Sister Marie Grunloh, OSF*

*July 8, 1920 — October 18, 2011*

<i>Born:</i>	July 8, 1920
<i>Parents:</i>	John J. and Elizabeth (Schumacher) Grunloh
<i>Postulancy:</i>	November 14, 1937
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1938
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1940
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1943
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	October 18, 2011

### **Ministry History**

1940-1942	Student: College of St. Francis
1942-1953	Teacher: Latin, Religion, Homeroom; St. Francis Academy, Joliet, Illinois
1953-1958	Teacher: Latin, English, Religion, Homeroom, St. Peter, Mansfield, Ohio
1958-1959	Teacher: Latin, English, Religion, Homeroom, Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, Illinois
1959-1972	Teacher: Latin, English, Religion, Homeroom, St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1972-1979	Counselor: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1979-1980	Teacher / Director of Recruitment: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1980-1982	Teacher / Focus Advisor: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
	Assistant Director / Teacher GED Program: Center for Correctional Concerns, Will County Jail, Joliet
1982-1991	Assistant Director / Teacher GED Program: Center for Correctional Concerns, Will County Jail, Joliet
1991-1995	Director of Education: Center for Correctional Concerns, Joliet
1995-2004	Instructor: Will County Jail, Joliet
2004-2008	Instructor: Joliet Junior College, Joliet
2008-2011	Volunteer: Guardian Angel Community Services, Joliet
2011	Community Service: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

<i>Wake:</i>	Friday, October 21, 2011, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Friday, October 21, 2011, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Friday, October 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Saturday, October 22, 2011, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 361, Grave 1, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, John J. and Elizabeth (Schumacher) Grunloh; her brothers, Andrew, Rev. Donatus, OFM and Rev. Melvin, OFM and her sister, Cecilia Sandschafer
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sister, Agnes Brummer; her brothers-in-law, Clem Sandschafer and Clete Brummer; sister-in-law Dolores Grunloh and numerous nieces and nephews.

*Rest in Peace, Sister Marie*