

Sister M. Dorinda Jakubek, O.S.F.

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Born: May 31, 1908
Parents: John and Anna (Firment) Jakubek
Entered from: St. Stephen Parish, Johnstown, PA
Postulancy: September 6, 1923
Novitiate: August 12, 1924
Profession: August 13, 1926

Died: Sunday, June 20, 1999 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home,
Joliet, IL at 2:35 p.m.

Ministry:

1925 - 1926	Holy Cross, Joliet, IL, Grade 1
1926 - 1929	Sts. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grades 1, 2, 3
1929 - 1930	Assumption, Chicago, IL, Grades 4, 5
1930 - 1931	St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Grades 3, 4
1931 - 1932	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Grade 4
1932 - 1934	St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grades 5, 6
1934 - 1935	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, Grade 6
1935 - 1936	Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1936 - 1939	St. Wenceslaus, Chicago, IL, Grades 4, 5, 6,
1939 - 1948	Sts. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 8
1948 - 1950	St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 8
1950 - 1952	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 8
1952 - 1954	Sts. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 8
1954 - 1955	St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 8
1955 - 1956	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 8
1956 - 1959	St. Bernard, Joliet, IL, Grades 7, 8, Superior, Principal
1959 - 1962	St. Michael, Sigel, IL, Superior, Principal
1962 - 1964	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 8
1964 - 1965	St. Michael, Worthington, OH, Grade 8
1965 - 1969	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 8
1969 - 1973	St. Stephen Extension, Johnstown, PA, Principal, Grade 6
1973 - 1975	West End Catholic School, Johnstown, PA, Principal, Grade 6
1975 - 1977	St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grades 5, 7
1977 - 1980	St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Assistant Principal, Grade 6
1980 - 1996	St. Francis Reading Center, St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutor
1996 - 1997	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Community Service
1997 - 1999	Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Tuesday, June 22, 1999
2-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Tuesday, June 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Wednesday, June 23, 1999 leaving Our Lady of Angels at
9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL,
Section 8, Lot, 347, Grave 3

Survived by: nieces and nephews

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

Sister Dorinda Jakubek was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on May 31, 1908 to John and Anna Firment Jakubek. On June 7 of that same year, she was taken to St. Stephen Church where she was baptized Mary Callista. The deep faith of her parents was nurtured in their new daughter Mary as well as her brothers, John, Michael, Joseph, Stephen, Peter and Vern, and her sister Helen.

The children attended St. Stephen School in Johnstown. Mary fondly remembered the support she received from her pastor, Rev. John Martvon, who after his death was credited with encouraging over 100 young women to become Sisters, many of whom entered the Joliet Franciscan congregation. Mary's sister Helen entered the novitiate in 1918 and received the name, Sister Priscilla.

On September 6, 1923, Mary also came to Joliet and was admitted into the postulancy. The following August 12 Mary received the Franciscan habit and the new name of Sister Mary Dorinda. Following first profession of vows, Sister Dorinda began a ministry of education as a first grade teacher at Holy Cross School in Joliet. She continued as a teacher in the middle and junior high grades until 1980, serving in schools in Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Sister Dorinda was principal of several schools. While she was a teacher, she took on various other assignments such as sodality moderator, director of altar servers, patrol guards, CYO and other similar groups. Sister Dorinda was serious in her role as teacher. She tried to be fair. Her students remembered her. Many kept up correspondence over the years.

With her background as a historian, Sister Dorinda took special delight in travel, trying to enrich her teaching of social studies as she visited Washington, D.C., Saint Augustine, Florida and other historic sites. In 1972, she went on a pilgrimage to Europe, visiting various places including Lourdes, Rome and Assisi.

In 1980 Sister Dorinda continued her ministry of education as a tutor in the reading program at St. Francis Convent in Joliet. She also produced many craft items. One of her special projects was braiding palms (for Palm Sunday) for several of the churches in Joliet, including the Cathedral of St. Raymond.

In 1997 Sister Dorinda moved to Our Lady of Angels. She celebrated her 75th Anniversary of Reception with the Sisters at OLA on Ascension Thursday, 1999. Several weeks later, she was taken to the hospital with congestive heart failure. When the Congregation gathered at the Cathedral on June 19, 1999 to celebrate Jubilee, Sister Dorinda did not feel strong enough to come, but from OLA joined the group in prayer. The next day after the noon meal, Sister Clarita went to read Sister Dorinda's Jubilee cards to her. After enjoying a few of them, Sister Dorinda told Sister Clarita to put the rest aside for a while. With the sisters gathered around her for prayer, Sister Dorinda quickly and peacefully gave her soul back to God at 2:35 p.m. on Sunday, June 20, 1999.

Sister Dorinda, we thank you for your love and dedication to elementary education. We ask you to pray for us, your former pupils, friends, your family members and your Franciscan Sisters and Associates that we may continue to work to better our world. May you enjoy the presence of Jesus, the Divine teacher, forever. Amen. Alleluia.

