



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

On the evening of February 8, 2018, as snowflakes gently fell to the ground on a cold winter's night, our Sister Dominic Krivich was surrounded by the gentle presence and loving warmth of those who kept vigil at her bedside. Many times Sister Death had come close to taking Sister Dominic home to God. This time, however, Sister Dominic was waiting and ready for the journey.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, on December 29, 1925, Dolores Mary Krivich, was a belated Christmas gift to her parents Mary (Rogers) and Dominic Krivich as well as her one-year old sister, Edith. The second of five children, Dolores was raised in the Englewood area and attended Sacred Heart School.

Coming from an extended family that provided the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate with many vocations, from an early age, Dolores was eager to join her aunt, Sr. Illuminata Rogers, and her cousins, the Jonik sisters: Seraphia, Beata, Bernarda, Gerarda and Tharsilla. She became an aspirant at the age of thirteen and attended St. Francis Academy. On September 8, 1941, she entered the Postulancy and a year later on August 12, 1942, she was received into the Novitiate and given the religious name, Sr. Mary Dominic. During her years of initial formation, she devoted herself to her undergraduate studies at the College of St. Francis. Enthusiastic about the ministry of teaching, Sr. Dominic had a special affection for children in the primary grades. Among the many gifts that she possessed, the privilege of teaching a child to read was valued most deeply. Along with Doctor Seuss, she believed "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." As teacher, principal, superintendent, reading consultant, program administrator and educational therapist, Sr. Dominic was loved by her students and treasured by the teachers and co-workers for whom she was a mentor and a model for excellence in instruction, evaluation and collegiality. She was especially interested in helping those who had difficulty learning. In order to assist these students, she and Sister Lorraine Young founded Fran Center in Darien, Illinois, which is still in operation. A life-long learner with multiple degrees and quite a collection of certificates, Sr. Dominic shared her passion for the ministry of education in untiring and countless ways over the course of forty years.

In the fall of 1985, Sr. Dominic looked to new horizons in life and ministry. Exploring new opportunities for sharing her Franciscan joy with the people of God, she became a Parish Minister. As she focused her energies on the formative elements necessary for building faith communities, she also became aware of the many unmet needs of parishioners.

Alleluia!



Sister M. Dominic Krivich, OSF

Finding creative and innovative ways of providing adequate pastoral care and appropriate spiritual accompaniment for those parish elders became a personal quest. "Dom," as she was called with affection, possessed a unique ability to perceive the longings and desires of human hearts. With equal measures of humor, hospitality, honesty and hopefulness, she ministered at Our Lady of the Ridge Parish in Chicago Ridge from 1989 until 2000. For twenty years, Sr. Dominic was recognized for her kindness and compassion as well as for her unique commitment to the Franciscan way of life. With Pope Francis, she held fast to the conviction that the work of religious is to "wake up the world" and to "attract others through being effective witnesses to the Gospel." On both accounts, Sister Dominic was most engaged and exceptionally successful, especially as evidenced in the many Associates that she inspired to enter into relationship with the Congregation and the larger Franciscan family.

During the final years of her life, Sister Dominic returned home to Joliet and welcomed the opportunity to share life in community with the Sisters, residents and staff at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home and the Village at OLA. As a woman of prayer, she made a habit of reading the scriptures of the day and reflecting upon them from as many perspectives as possible. Indeed, she created the conditions for humbly receiving the Word of God that took root in her heart (James 1:21b). From the very beginning of her Franciscan life until its conclusion, "reading the Word in the world" was foundational to Sister Dominic's vocation and her manner of living it out in everyday life. Today, as we remember our Sister Dominic, let us give thanks and praise for the gift of her vocation - the great treasure of her life, and for the wit and wisdom that she so generously shared with us all.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Sister M. Dominic Krivich, OSF

December 29, 1925— February 8, 2018

<i>Born:</i>	December 29, 1925
<i>Parents:</i>	Dominic Krivich and Mary (Rogers) Krivich
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 8, 1941
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1942
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1947
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	February 8, 2018

Ministry History

1944-1945	Student: College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois
1945-1951	Teacher, Grade 2: Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, Illinois
1951-1954	Teacher, Grades 1, 2: St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet
1954-1955	Teacher, Grade 1: Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, Ohio
1955-1963	Teacher, Grades 1, 2, 3: St. Rita, Aurora, Illinois
1963-1964	Teacher, Grades 4, 7: St. Pius X, Lombard, Illinois
1965-1966	Superintendent/Principal, Teacher, Grade 8: St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, Illinois
1966-1967	Superintendent/Principal: St. Francis Xavier, Chicago
1967-1968	Student, Graduate Studies: Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1968-1970	Catholic School Office: Motherhouse, Joliet
1970-1973	Reading Consultant: Joliet Diocesan Catholic School Office, Joliet
1973-1974	Teacher, Primary Resource Center: St. John of the Cross, Western Springs, Illinois
1974-1975	Principal: St. Rita, Aurora, Illinois
1975-1976	Teacher: St. Rita, Aurora
1976-1977	Clinician: Neboschick Clinic, Aurora
1977-1979	Assistant Director/Therapist: FranCenter Clinic, Westmont, Illinois
1979-1981	Co-Director/Therapist: FranCenter Clinic, Westmont
1981-1982	Therapist: The Lorraine Young Center, Darien, Illinois
1982-1985	Administrator: FranCenter, Darien
1985-1988	Parish Ministry: St. John Chrysostom, Bellwood, Illinois
1988-1989	Sabbatical: Springbank, Kingstree, South Carolina
1989-1993	Ministry to the elderly: Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge, Illinois
1993-1994	Ministry to the elderly/Pastoral Associate: Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge
1994-1999	Pastoral Associate: Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge
1999-2009	Community Service: Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge
2009-2017	Community Service: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet
<i>Wake:</i>	Thursday, February 15, 2018, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Thursday, February 15, 2018, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Monday, February 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Friday, February 16, 2018, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 343, Grave 1, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	By her parents, Dominic and Mary (Rogers) Krivich, her brothers, John, James and Edward and her sister Edith Pietryzk
<i>Survived by:</i>	Nieces and nephews

Rest in Peace, Sister Dominic!