

Alleluia!

Sister M. Clare La Pointe, OSF

Sister Clare La Pointe was born in Palatine, Illinois, to Kenneth and Augusta (Foley) La Pointe on December 22, 1937. She was a real Christmas gift to her family and was welcomed home by three brothers, Joseph, James and Kenneth; and by one sister, Jean. She was baptized Patricia Clare at St. Anne Church in Barrington, Illinois. Patricia attended grade school and high school in Illinois and Wisconsin due to various family moves. As a child, she often visited the Bayfield area where she had relatives.

Patricia entered the convent from Harvard, Illinois, on September 6, 1954. When she became a novice on August 12, 1955, she received the name Sister Clare, the name that she kept throughout the years. Sister Clare professed her first vows in 1957 and her final vows in 1960. Sister Clare has had an interesting educational career. She received her bachelors degree in music from the College of St. Francis, her masters of arts degree in educational psychology from California State University in Northridge and her doctorate in education from UCLA.

Ministry was very important and life giving for Clare. She worked in many capacities, as a grade school and high school teacher, a college professor, an organist, a teacher of reading to adults in various literacy programs and as an administrative assistant in an apartment complex. She authored a book entitled, *A Refresher Course in Study Skills* to help students make the most of their education. In whatever she did, Clare added a dimension of care and enthusiasm. She was well loved by all she served and even in a weakened condition this past Christmas, brought joy to many hearts as she played the organ at the Midnight Mass.

Whether she served in Illinois, Ohio, Alabama, Wisconsin, Montana, Colorado or California, she loved her surroundings and made an impact on many people. It was in Bayfield that she wanted to



settle down and enjoy the Native American culture and so she returned "home" in the fall of 2007 with her dear friend, Sister Grace Ann Rabideau. Who would have known that she would be there for such a short time before our loving God called her home to be with him for all eternity!

On the evening of April 3, 2008, lying in a hospital bed in her living room, looking at Lake Superior through their large living room window, in the presence of Sisters Grace Ann Rabideau, Phyllis Wilhelm and Kathy Salewski, Clare was called home in a spirit of peace and resignation. We remember Clare's siblings who preceded her in death, her parents, her aunt Sister Emeran Foley, many sisters in community and other relatives. We pray for her nieces and nephews, her classmates in community, and all our sisters and associates who mourn her and ask that each of us may be blessed with peace and all good gifts. We pray for the friends that she made form the National Indian School Fund, the City of Angels Kateri Circle and all parishioners at Holy Family Parish in Bayfield, Wisconsin. We are grateful for all the hospice workers who assisted her in these last months in the hospital and at her home.

We thank you for the gift of Clare, for the many lessons of hospitality that she modeled for us, and for the kindness she shared in so many ways. We pray that we may have the spontaneity and the courage to follow the movement of the Spirit in our lives and respond generously to whatever we are asked. We pray that Clare and all her family and friends who join her in heaven may rejoice forever. Amen. Alleluia.

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December 22, 1937 — April 3, 2008

<i>Born:</i>	December 22, 1937
<i>Parents:</i>	Kenneth and Augusta (Foley) La Pointe
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 6, 1954
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 13, 1955
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1957
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1958
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	April 3, 2008

Ministry History

1957—1958	Teacher: Grade 1, St. Raymond Cathedral, Joliet
1958—1959	Teacher: Grade 2, St. Joseph, Freeport, Illinois
1959—1961	Teacher: Grades 4, 5, 6, St. Francis De Sales, Toledo, Ohio
1961—1963	Teacher: Grade 6 and Organist, Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, Ohio
1963—1965	Teacher: Grades 6 and 7 and Organist, St. Mary, Fairfield, Alabama
1965—1967	Teacher: Grades 5 and 6, Organist, St. Stephan, Streator, Illinois
1967—1968	Teacher: Grades 5 and 6, Organist, Sacred Heart, Chicago
1968—1972	Teacher: Grades 5 and 6, Holy Family, Bayfield, Wisconsin
1972—1973	Student: University of California, Northridge, California
1973—1975	Secretary/Assistant Manager: Northridge Apartments, Northridge, California
1975—1976	Student: California State University, Northridge
1976—1977	Teacher, Doctoral Student: Arizona State University, Tempe
1977—1978	Laboratory Supervisor/Reading Instructor: California State University, Northridge
1978—1979	Reading Specialist: Chaminade, Chatworth, California
1979—1980	Reading Specialist: California State University, Northridge
1980—1981	Assistant Coordinator/Instructor: California State University, Northridge
1981—1982	Reading Instructor: Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana
1982—1983	Counselor: Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana
1983—1984	Instructor: University of Colorado, Boulder
1984—1985	Reading Specialist: California State University, Northridge
1985—1988	Research Assistant/Student: U.C.L.A., Los Angeles
1988—1989	Learning Skills Counselor/Student, U.C.L.A., Los Angeles
1989—1992	Learning Skills Counselor: Los Angeles Valley Community College
1992—2001	Adult Education Instructor: North Hollywood Community School, North Hollywood, California
2002—2004	Adult Independent Studies: Kennedy-San Fernando Adult School, Granada Hills, California
2004—2007	Adult Education: Rinaldi Center, Granada Hills, California
2008	Retired: Bayfield, Wisconsin

<i>Wake:</i>	Thursday, April 10, 4:00-8:00 p.m., Red Cliff Elder Center, Red Cliff Reservation, Wisconsin
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Friday, April 11, 2008, 10:30 a.m., Holy Family Church, Bayfield, Wisconsin
<i>Burial:</i>	Calvary Cemetery, Bayfield
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents Kenneth and Augusta (Foley) La Pointe; brothers, Joseph, James and Kenneth; and her sister Jean
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sister-in-law, Wanda La Pointe (the late Joseph); brother-in-law, Wayne Gardner, nieces, nephews and cousins

Rest in Peace, Sister Clare