

# Alleluia!

## *Sister M. Mark Livingston, OSF*



Sister Mark Livingston was born to John and Genevieve (Sell) Livingston on February 24, 1916, the twin sister of Sr. Luke Livingston. She was baptized Elizabeth Mary at St. Francis de Sales Church in Chicago, Illinois. Elizabeth attended St. Francis de Sales Grammar School and Commercial School before entering the convent in Joliet in 1932. Elizabeth graduated from St. Francis Academy. Because of ill health, Elizabeth returned home for some years and returned as a postulant again in 1943. She celebrated her reception as a novice on August 12, 1943, and received the name Sister Mark. She professed first vows in 1945 and her perpetual vows in 1948.

Sister Mark was preceded in death by her father, John, her mother, Genevieve, and her brothers, Clarence and Eugene who died in childhood. She is survived by her twin sister, Sister Luke, who resides at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, as well as cousins.

Sister Mark spent one year teaching in Ohio, four years as assistant prefect to small children at the Guardian Angel Home in Joliet and many years serving in domestic work. In her early years she often took on extra jobs typing for others, a skill in which she excelled. Sister Mark enjoyed art and was creative in this regard. Crocheting and other types of handiwork occupied some of her time. Sister Mark served in the ministry of domestic caregiving with love and devotion until she retired to Our Lady of Angels in 1997.

Throughout the years Sister Mark was very happy to be a homemaker. She looked forward to making special recipes and other ways to

treat the sisters with whom she lived. As she said in her writings, "I long for that close feeling for God. My heart is full of joy and gratitude that I can help the sisters in these various ways." She also referred to so many biblical readings about food and serving others and spoke of how she was often the "Martha" in many settings and found happiness in the ways she could serve. Like Jesus, she said she multiplied food, provided a peaceful setting, and like to serve the needs of others who were at the table. At parish festivals she liked to work with her sister in providing pies and other baked goods for these special occasions.

She was very close to her sister, Sister Luke, in her active ministry as well as in her retirement. They shared a special bond and were very comfortable with each other. We pray in a special way for Sister Luke that she may feel comfort and peace. We pray for Sister Mark's living classmates, Sister Bernard Marie Campbell and Sister Carol Ann Novak. We pray for their good health. We remember Sister Mark's deceased classmates, Sister Jane Braun, Corine Hoebing, Helen Matuska, Mary Catherine Rowan and Rita Jean Brock, who are celebrating with her in her heavenly home, and we pray for all her family members, friends and sisters in community who join her there also. May Sister Mark live in peace and joy forever and ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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*February 24, 1916 — May 31, 2007*

<i>Born:</i>	February 24, 1916
<i>Parents:</i>	John and Genevieve (Sell) Livingston
<i>Postulancy:</i>	January 30, 1943
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1943
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1945
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1948
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	May 31, 2007

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### **Ministry History**

1945—1956	Teacher, Grade 3: Corpus Christi, Columbus, Ohio
1946—1948	Assistant Kindergarten Prefect: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet
1948—1950	Pre-School Prefect: Guardian Angel Home
1950—1951	Domestic Work: St. Joseph, Manhattan, Illinois
1951—1952	Assistant, Domestic Work: Immaculate Conception, Columbus, Ohio
1952—1964	Assistant, Domestic Work: St. Francis de Sales, Chicago
1964—1965	Assistant, Domestic Work: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago
1965—1966	Domestic Work: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet
1966—1971	Domestic Work: St. Francis de Sales, Chicago
1971—1976	Food Service: St. Francis de Sales, Chicago
1976—1980	Food Service: Holy Trinity, Westmont, Illinois
1980—1997	Food Service: St. John, Joliet
1997—2007	Retired

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<i>Wake:</i>	Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Wake Service:</i>	Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Wednesday, June 6, 2007, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	S8-L6-G4 Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents John and Genevieve (Sell) Livingston; and her brothers Eugene and Clarence
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her twin sister Luke and cousins.

*Rest in Peace, Sister Mark*