

Alleluia!

Sister M. Amadea Sabol, O.S.F.



Sister Amadea Sabol was born on December 8, 1902, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to John and Barbara Palcak Sabol. Baptized Veronica Maria at St. Stephen's, she was the middle child of three. Her sister Mary and her brother Emil preceded her in death.

Veronica graduated from St. Stephen Grade School and attended one year of Commercial School in Johnstown. At the age of 19, Veronica came to Joliet and became a Postulant on December 28, 1921. Here she graduated from St. Francis Academy and later received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of St. Francis.

On August 12, 1922, Veronica entered the Novitiate and received the name Sister Mary Amadea. After profession of vows on August 12, 1924, Amadea began her 50 years as an elementary school teacher and organist. This included 16 years at Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, and 17 years at Sacred Heart, Huron St., Chicago.

She often stated that she "loved to teach the little ones about God, to help them know God and love Him."

She believed in teaching so much that Amadea once wrote to the Congregation's Director of Ministry that Sisters should be "encouraged to teach as long as they can and then they should tutor." Following her own advice, once she retired from the classroom, she spent 15 years as a tutor, two at St. Mary's, Shelby, Ohio, and 13 years at the Motherhouse.

Sister Amadea was a kind person who loved music and loved to sing. During her years at the Motherhouse, she kept herself busy "doing odds and ends," taking care of the cats and listening to Paul Harvey.

In 1997, Amadea moved to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, where she spent her days helping her dear friend Sister Clarine Matava and praying for the needs of the Congregation and world. Just last December, she so enjoyed her 100th birthday party, especially the chocolates.

As she became more frail, she had good days and bad days. Last Monday, January 13th, the staff noticed a change as they could not rouse her. When checking on her at 11:55 p.m., they noticed that Amadea had quietly and peacefully gone home to her God.

Sister Amadea, you had a great faith and confidence in your God. We thank you for sharing your life with us as teacher, musician, sister and friend these 80 years. As you begin eternity with the God you loved and served so faithfully, remember us your family, your friends, your Franciscan Sisters! Amen! Alleluia!

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8 December 1902 - 13 January 2003

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Born: December 8, 1902; Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Parents: John and Barbara (Palcak) Sabol
Entered From: St. Stephen Parish, Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Postulancy: December 28, 1921
Novitiate: August 12, 1922
Profession: August 12, 1924
Entered New Life: Monday, Jan. 13, 2003; Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL at 11:55 p.m.

Ministry History

1924 - 1925 Teacher, Grades 1; St. Mary, Columbus, OH
 1925 - 1940 Teacher, Grades 1,2,4,5 & 6, Organist ; Sacred Heart, Huron St. Chicago, IL
 1940 - 1941 Music Teacher/Asst. Organist; Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, IL
 also Kindergarten Substitute; Immaculate Conception, Toledo OH
 1941 - 1949 Music Teacher/Organist; Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL
 1949 - 1950 Organist/Teacher, Grades 5 & 6; Sacred Heart, Huron St., Chicago, IL
 1950 - 1951 Organist/Teacher, Grade 3 & 4; Assumption, Chicago, IL
 1951 - 1959 Organist/Teacher, Grades 1,2, 3, 5 & 6; Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL
 1959 - 1963 Organist/Teacher, Grades 1 & 2; St. Joseph, Manhattan, IL
 1963- 1964 Organist/Teacher, Grades 3 & 4; Sacred Heart, Huron St., Chicago, IL
 1964 - 1966 Teacher, Grades 1 & 2; St. Edward, Ashland, OH
 1966 - 1969 Organist/Teacher, Grade 1; St. Mary, Fairfield, AL
 1969 - 1970 Teacher, Grade 2; St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL
 1970 - 1974 Teacher, Grade 1; St. Joseph, Joliet, IL
 1974 - 1977 Tutor; Motherhouse, Joliet, IL
 1977 - 1979 Teacher, Remedial Reading/Tutor; St. Mary, Shelby, OH
 1979 - 1989 Tutor; Motherhouse, Joliet, IL
 1989 - 1997 Retired; Motherhouse, Joliet, IL
 1997 - 2003 Retired; Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Thursday, January 16, 2003, 2 - 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Wake Service: Thursday, January 16, 2003, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, January 16, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Burial: Friday, January 17, 2003; leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m.
 to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL

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Survived by: Niece, Vern Esposito and grand nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace, Sister Amadea