

SISTER M. ARCHANGELA AUGUSTINE O.S.F. (Johnnie Mae) 659

Born: August 12, 1903
Parents: William and Nellie (Hayden) Augustine
Postulancy: January 6, 1931
Novitiate: August 12, 1931
First Profession: August 12, 1933
Final Profession: August 12, 1936
Died: Monday, August 14, 1989 at 4:20 p.m. at
Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL



Ministry:

1933 - 1942 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grades 2 and 3
1942 - 1944 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
1944 - 1948 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grades 2 & 3
1948 - 1953 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grade 3
1953 - 1954 St. Bernard, Joliet, IL, Grade 3
1954 - 1955 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Grades 3 & 4
1955 - 1956 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grade 2
1956 - 1958 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Grades 2 & 3
1958 - 1959 St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, OH, Grade 3
1959 - 1974 St. Michael, Worthington, OH, Grade 2
1974 - 1975 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Teacher's Aide
1975 - 1980 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Gift Shop
1980 - 1989 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Wednesday, August 16, 1989 from 2 - 7:00 p.m. with a
Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, August 16, 1989 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, August 17, 1989, Resurrection Cemetery.
at 9 a.m.

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

In 1903, on August 12th, Sister Archangela was born to William and Nellie Augustine, the youngest of nine children, in Owensboro, Kentucky. At the age of twenty-eight Johnny Mae entered the Congregation, and three years later, on her birthday, professed her vows as a Sister of St. Francis.

Parishes and schools in Illinois and Ohio were the recipients of her teaching expertise and her strict discipline. After twenty-three years in the primary grades in the Chicago schools, Des Plaines and Joliet, Archie ministered another eighteen years in Columbus and Worthington. St. Michael's was special to her, perhaps because of her devotion to her patron saint, St. Michael the Archangel.

Teaching was taken very seriously and, for her discipline was the key to learning. Her students remember how she used every minute of the school day in an efficient manner, such as math drills and recitations as they lined up for dismissal or wraps.

Above all, the second grade assignments afforded her the unique opportunity and great privilege of preparing children for their First Holy Communion. She took pride in this responsibility to the point that she refused to consider retirement until she had prepared her 1000th communicant for this great Sacrament.

Joy seemed to be a usual companion to Sister Archangela, so much so that parishioners felt proud to know any Joliet Franciscan because of her real expression of this Franciscan characteristic.

Her commitment to the Church was also seen in her involvement with the mission endeavors. She was noted as one who "turned on the heat" of the mission thermometer as she began collecting for the missions.

Sister Archangela endeared herself to the young by her ability to remember their names and make each feel important. In working the Motherhouse switchboard during the summers she became acquainted with many young Sisters who recall her humor and jovial spirit. She was always ready with her story telling and quick sayings.

How appropriate that Archie was called to her reward on the eve of the feast of the Assumption. Devotion to Mary had been a constant in her life and on her deathbed she called out to Mary again and again, with arms outstretched.

Sister Archangela, we rejoice in your joy filled life of service. Thank you for your many moments of sharing, of the hours of quiet prayer, and your commitment to the very young in instilling a love for the beauties of our religious beliefs. We in turn say, Archie, go with God.

