

SISTER PAULINE DEVINE, O.S.F. (Reginald) 706



Born: December 11, 1919 in Shelby, OH
Parents: Dennis Charles and Rosalia (Weigandt) Devine
Postulancy: September 8, 1936
Novitiate: August 12, 1937
First Profession: August 12, 1939
Final Profession: August 12, 1942
Died: October 28, 1992 at 6:35 p.m. EST in Columbus, Ohio
at Mount Carmel East Hospital

Ministry:

1939 - 1942 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 2
1942 - 1943 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 1
1943 - 1944 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 3
1944 - 1949 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 4
1949 - 1951 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 5
1951 - 1953 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 7
1953 - 1959 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Superior, Principal,
Grade 8
1959 - 1963 Diocese of Columbus Education Consultant
Residence, St. Cecilia Convent
1963 - 1967 Diocese of Columbus Education Consultant
Residence, Bishop Ready High School Convent
1967 - 1971 St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Superior, Principal
1971 - 1975 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Principal
1975 - 1981 Holy Spirit, Columbus, OH, Associate Pastor
1981 - 1982 St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus, OH, Minister to the Bereaved
1982 - 1983 Sabbatical, Columbus, OH
1983 - 1992 St. John Neumann Parish, Sunbury, OH, Associate Pastor

Wake: Maeder-Quint Tiberi Funeral Home, Columbus Ohio
Sunday, November 1, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial:

St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury Ohio, Monday evening Nov. 2.
Church wake: 6-7:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. p.m.

Burial: Mount Calvary Cemetery, Toledo Ohio
Tuesday, November 3

Survived by: Brothers Rev. Laurence Devine of Toledo OH and Judge Andy
Devine of Toledo, OH and sister, Rosemary Hammerel of
Perrysburg, OH, and nieces and nephews

A Memorial Mass will be held in Joliet, IL at a later time.

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

Pauline Loretta Devine was born in Shelby, Ohio, to Dennis and Rose Weigandt Devine on December 11, 1919 and was baptized at Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish on December 21, 1919. With her four brothers and one sister, Pauline learned the give and take of family living, and grew to cherish the faith of their parents. When Pauline began to make plans to join the Franciscan Sisters in Joliet, her pastor, Father Fate, wrote to Mother Thomasine saying: "This letter assures you of the excellent Christian character of Miss Pauline Devine as well as that of the family from which she comes. They are exemplary Catholics and I hope that the good God may so arrange by His Divine Providence that you may see fit to receive Pauline and that He may, with His grace, bless her for a long and useful life in this service in your community."

Pauline was received as a Postulant on September 8, 1936 and professed her first vows on August 12, 1939, and was given the name, Sister Reginald. God did arrange for her to serve the Church for many years in the field of Catholic education and in pastoral work. Sister Reginald taught all levels of elementary school, served as principal of several schools in Ohio and Illinois and served as Elementary School Supervisor for the Diocese of Columbus. Her recent years were spent in pastoral ministry at Holy Spirit in Columbus and St. John Neumann.

Sister Pauline's ministry continued even through her sickness and her fight with cancer. On Sunday Mass at her parish church, one of the lectors she had trained read these words, "I have fought the fight. I have finished the race." Many of the Sisters joined Sister Rita Schmitz and Pauline's brother, Andy, and her sister, Rosemary, as they waited and prayed by her bedside. On Monday, October 26, Pauline came to peace in accepting death. She embraced her classmate, Sister Magdalita Morvay, who had come to visit, and talked with her. Pauline called for her sister, Rosemary, and her brother, Andy, to come to her side. She spent precious minutes with them, consoling them and encouraging them. Pauline spent time with Sister Rita with whom she had shared community for many years. She spoke with her of many things, including telling Rita that she wished to wear her Jubilee dress when she was laid out in the casket. When Sister Mary Jean Morris, Sister Clarita Schumacher and Sister Nadine Overbeck met with her she looked at Sister Mary Jean and said, "Please tell all the Sisters that if I have in any way wronged anyone, I ask their forgiveness. I am sorry if I hurt anyone. I am at peace now and I am ready to die. It is due to everyone's prayers. Thank them for all that they have done. I look forward to being again with my parents, and I want to take my brother, Father Larry, home with me, too." The group then prayed and sang, and Sister Pauline again renewed the vows she had pronounced over fifty years ago.

Sister Pauline, we are grateful for the goodness you have shared with so many. We ask that you continue to pray to God for each of us. Remember your family, your Franciscan Sisters and your many parish families. Continue to pray for us, especially those who are struggling with any kind of sickness. May the good that has come into this world through your life live on after you in each of us, that we too may one day join you in rejoicing forever in God's presence. Amen. Alleluia.

