

SISTER M. EUPHRASIA HORNING O.S.F. (Stella) 657

Born: September 7, 1899
Parents: John and Genevieve (Faye) Horning
Postulancy: December 8, 1914
Novitiate: August 12, 1915
First Profession: August 12, 1917
Final Profession: August 12, 1921
Died: Friday, June 23, 1989 at 9:05 a.m. at
Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL



Ministry:

1916 - 1917 ✓ St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 1
1917 - 1918 ✓ St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Music - Kindergarten
St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Music
1918 - 1919 St. Joseph, Pesotum, IL, Grades 1, 2, & 3 and Organist
1919 - 1921 ✓ St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Grades 4, 5, 6
1921 - 1922 St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL, Music, Organist
1922 - 1924 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Music, Organist
1924 - 1930 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1930 - 1931 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1931 - 1933 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1933 - 1935 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Music, Organist
1935 - 1937 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Music, Organist
1937 - 1939 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Music, Organist
1939 - 1942 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1942 - 1951 Sacred Heart (Englewood), Chicago, IL, Music, Organist
1951 - 1952 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1952 - 1953 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Music, Organist
1953 - 1954 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Grade 2, Music
1954 - 1955 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Music, Organist
1955 - 1958 SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Music, Organist
1958 - 1959 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Music, Organist
1959 - 1960 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1960 Marybrook Academy, Maumee, OH, Organist, Choral Music
November 1960 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Grade 2, Organist
1962 - St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet, IL, Grade 2
October 1961 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Music, Organist
1962 - 1965 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Music, Organist
1965 - 1975 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Music Lessons
1975 - 1976 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Pastoral Care
1976 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Retired
February 1977 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL, Retired
1977 - 1979 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Retired
1979 - 1989 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Sunday, June 25, 1989 from 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Sunday, June 25, 1989 at 4:30 p.m.

Burial: Monday, June 26, 1989, Resurrection Cemetery.

Survived by: Sisters, Marguerite Watson and Clara Vasser

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

On Friday morning, June 23rd, 1989, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, our Sister Euphrasia Horning was born to life eternal. She was ready and eager for her new life. On the day of her death, when Sr. Christian asked her if she wanted the Sacred Heart to take her home during the month of June, she eagerly said, "Oh Yes!" Since her retirement at OLA in 1979, her health had failed. Crippled with arthritis, almost blind (we will always remember her with her visor to keep out the bright light), suffering from heart failure, she still remained faithful to prayer, determined to cope with the frustrations of her frailty. She died surrounded by our Sisters, her nurses, and the chaplain, hearing voices of prayer for her. Her death was peaceful!

Stella was born in Mansfield, Ohio to Genevieve and John Horning. She was the oldest of five children. Her father was well known to our Sisters. He was the faithful custodian and bell ringer at St. Peter's parish, and Sister Euphrasia loved to tell stories about him. She is survived by her sisters, Marguerite and Clara. Only ten days before her death she visited with her sister Clara. She always remained devoted to her family, and was delighted when her nephew moved to Chicago so that she could see him more often. She will be dearly missed by them.

As a young girl of fifteen, she became a postulant, spending seventy-four years of her life with us. She celebrated her diamond jubilee of sixty years in 1977. She would have been ninety years old in September. Her life was long, a true melody of dedication, exactness, determination and gratitude. Just this year she expressed that gratitude with these words, "I am thankful to be alive, for my faith, for my friends, and for being at OLA where everybody is so good to me."

Music was her ministry. She was organist and music teacher for 60 years, moving thirty-two times to assist in parishes and teach music lessons where there was a need. The life of a music teacher was not easy. It meant unusual schedules that often conflicted with community gatherings, faithful presence at Mass after Mass, and always adjusting to new parish situations. But she was totally dedicated to her ministry. She met student after student with a warmth and enthusiasm that denied the reality that she held ten music lessons one after the other. She was teacher for some of our most talented musicians. She was advisor for many new teachers struggling to teach music in their classrooms.

Young people were attracted to Sr. Euphrasia. So many of our Sisters told stories of how she was the one who reached out to them when they needed a friend. Even these last years at OLA so many of the young nurses aides would seek her out to share their troubles.

Her faith was a precious gift and she loved to share it with others. With great joy she told the story of a family she helped return to the sacraments. Wherever she served in a parish she entered the life of the people, reaching out to the elderly and ill with special kindness.

She was small in stature, mighty in determination, dedicated and faithful. Sister Euphrasia, we thank you for your many years as our Sister. May you enjoy the fullness of harmony and peace with your God for all eternity. Amen. Alleluia.

