

SISTER M. AGREDA LIDINSKY, O.S.F.

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Born: March 19, 1905
Parents: John and Katherine (Masek) Lidinsky
Postulancy: September 2, 1929
Novitiate: August 12, 1930
First Profession: August 12, 1932
Final Profession: August 12, 1935
Died: Wednesday July 27, 1994 at 7:00 a.m.
at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL
Ministry:



1932 - 1957 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, Grades 1- 8; Principal
1957 - 1958 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Principal, Grade 8
1958 - 1959 St. Francis de Sales, Toledo, OH, Principal, Grade 8
1959 - 1964 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Principal, Grades 4, 5, 8
1964 - 1967 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Grades 3, 4
1967 - 1969 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1969 - 1976 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 5
1976 - 1991 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Education Program, Tutor
1991 - 1992 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Retired
1992 - 1994 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL Friday, July 29, 1994
2-7 p.m. with prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Friday, July 29, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Saturday, July 30, 1994 leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:30 a.m.
Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL, S8-L351-G10

Survived by: her nieces, nephews, and cousins

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

Sister Agreda Lidinsky was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 19, 1905 to John and Katherine Masek Lidinsky and was baptized Josephine Agnes at St. Wenceslaus Church in Chicago. She attended St. Ludmilla School. The example of her teachers there, especially Sisters Petra and Baptista, who were women of prayer and dedication, influenced Josephine to enter religious life. Father Edgar Zurlinden, SJ, her spiritual director, wrote to Mother Thomasine saying, "Josephine who desires to enter your community has been under my direction for several years. She has shown splendid good will to improve spiritually and has been under a temporal vow of chastity." Josephine became a Postulant with the Joliet Franciscan Sisters on September 2, 1929 and entered the Novitiate the following August when she was given the name Sister M. Agreda.

Due to health reasons, Sister Agreda was first sent to Holy Family School in Bayfield, Wisconsin. There she served the Chippewa Indians by giving the girls at the Boarding School much love and understanding. Throughout her 25 years there she taught each grade, and was principal as well. The highlight of her life was her Silver Jubilee Celebration at Holy Family. In 1984 Sister Agreda wrote, "My 25 years of ministry in Bayfield were most rewarding to me. When I visit Bayfield and meet my former pupils, I can see that my ministry was not in vain. I still have that same love for the people in Bayfield." This affection was truly mutual. When Sister Agreda celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in June 1992, the people at Bayfield created a special booklet for Sister Agreda containing this message, "We are proud to say that 25 of your years were spent here with us in beautiful Bayfield. You have left your spirit of love and fun. We are happy to claim you as one of our own. You are truly a great example for each of us."

The remaining years of her teaching ministry were spent in schools in Joliet, Chicago and Toledo, OH. Sister Agreda said of herself, "Reading is my specialty." She enjoyed tutoring children with reading problems and continued to be involved in the Reading Program at the Motherhouse when she retired there in 1976.

Just two years ago, Sister Agreda moved to Our Lady of Angels. God gradually took away her hearing and her sight. During these past months cancer filled her whole body. She longed for Jesus to let her die. The Sisters at Our Lady of Angels kept a faithful vigil the past two days as her condition weakened. Her prayer was finally answered. Being born on the Feast of St. Joseph and named after him, she had great devotion to St. Joseph. It was on a Wednesday that St. Joseph quietly came and took her home to join her parents and five brothers and sisters.

Sister Agreda, we thank you for the gift of your life with us. Thank you for your joy and stability, your self-sacrificing and affectionate ways, your spirit of community living, prayer and peace making. You had inscribed in your Gospel meditation book this prayer, "Day by day, Oh Dear Lord these things I pray, to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly, day by day." Sister Agreda, you now see clearly the Lord whom you loved so dearly and followed so nearly. Amen. Alleluia.

