

**Sister Mary Agnes Pechous, O.S.F. (Agnésita) 733**

Born: April 12, 1905  
Parents: John and Mary (Haut) Pechous  
Entered from: St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL  
Postulancy: September 2, 1929  
Novitiate: August 12, 1930  
Profession: August 12, 1932  
Died: Wednesday, May 3, 1995 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home  
at 9: 35 p.m.

**Ministry:**

1932 - 34 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grade 2  
1934 - 35 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Grade 1  
1935 - 36 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grade 2  
1936 - 42 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL, Grades 2, 3  
1942 - 44 St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Grade 2  
1944 - 47 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grades 6, 7  
1947 - 49 St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, OH, Grades 6, 7  
1949 - 50 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Grades 6, 7  
1950 - 51 St. John, Joliet, IL, Grade 6  
1951 - 52 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 6  
1952 - 53 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Grade 7  
1953 - 54 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Grade 6  
1954 - 56 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grade 6  
1956 - 57 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Grades 6, 7  
1957 - 58 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago, IL, Grade 6  
1958 - 59 Annunciation, BVM, Aurora, IL, Grades 5, 6  
1959 - 63 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grades 7, 8  
1963 - 64 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Grade 7,  
1964 - 66 St. Bernard, Joliet, IL, Grade 8  
1966 - 68 St. Rita, Aurora, IL, Grade 8  
1968 - 69 St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Grade 7  
1969 - 71 SS. Peter & Paul, Naperville, IL, Grade 7  
1971 - 73 Father Marquette, Muskegon, MI, Grade 6  
1973 - 75 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 6  
1975 - 81 Holy Trinity, Westmont, IL, Teaching GED, Religious Education  
1981 - 85 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Tutor Adult Education, Receptionist  
1985 - Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired



Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Friday, May 5, 1995  
2-7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Friday, May 5, 1995, 7 p.m.

Burial: Saturday, May 6, 1995 leaving Our Lady of Angels 9:30 a.m. to  
Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL, S8-L352-G2

Survived by: her brother John Pechous (Chicago) and sister Lillian Wahle (Chicago)

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

Sister Mary Agnes Pechous was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 12, 1905 to John and Mary Pechous. She was baptized at St. Procopius Church in Chicago on April 24 of that same year, and was given the name Mary Lillian. Her childhood was spent with her parents and her two brothers and three sisters. She attended St. Ludmilla School in Chicago.

When Mary was 24 years old, she came to Joliet and became a postulant with the Franciscan Sisters. Entering the Novitiate on August 12, 1930, she received the name Sister Agnesita. (Her name was later changed to Sister Mary Agnes.)

On June 12, 1932, Sister Mary Agnes wrote a letter to Mother Thomasine, requesting to make vows. In that letter she wrote: "...I can never express my appreciation for the many happy days spent under the loving guidance of a kind Mistress and in the company of my dear fellow novices, for the many good examples given me by the members of the community, for the interest taken in me by my dear teachers, and most of all for the help given me toward my temporal and spiritual advancement. I am grateful for all that has been done for me."

After her first profession in 1932, Sister Mary Agnes was assigned to teach second grade at St. Boniface School in Chicago, and subsequently taught in various schools in other parts of Chicago and other Illinois cities. Only five of her fifty years of education ministry were spent outside of Illinois.

One of her final teaching assignments was working in an Adult Education Program while she lived at Holy Trinity Convent in Westmont, Illinois. During those same years, she was an active participant in the prayer groups and formed many friendships. Sister Mary Agnes was creative both with words and with art. She loved to write poetry and to paint. She enjoyed taking part in many enrichment programs and was especially enthused about Scripture Study.

In 1985, Sister Mary Agnes came to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home and continued her ministry of prayer for all her former pupils and for the needs of the world. She also prayed for her family and for her Franciscan Sisters.

Over the years her strength grew weaker. This past April 12 marked her 90th birthday. She lived only a few weeks after that. On Wednesday, May 3, she received the Sacrament of the sick, and later that evening went peacefully to God.

Sister Mary Agnes, we thank you for the joy you brought to your students during your long ministry of teaching. We thank you for your life of service and prayer. May Jesus welcome you now to God's heavenly home forever. May you continue to pray for us, for all teachers and students, for your family and your Franciscan Sisters. May you live forever in God's peace and joy. Amen. Alleluia.

