

# Sisters of St. Francis

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Bernadine Janette Hasse was born in Joliet, Illinois, on March 6, 1929, the third of nine children, to the late Robert and Marie (Grill) Hasse. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Robert (Lily); Richard (Anne); and the Rev. James, SJ; and sisters Rita (Tom) Blackburn and Sr. Maria, OSF. She is survived by her sister Mary Ann and brothers John (Debra) and William, and many nieces and nephews.

Bernie was baptized at St. John the Baptist in Joliet, where she also attended grade school. Bernie's great love for sports – not only as an observer but as an able participant – started early and continued into her teaching ministry as an adult. She enjoyed playing, coaching and refereeing right alongside her students. After beginning high school at Providence, Bernie transferred to St. Francis Academy where she excelled in academics as well as co-curricular activities. An article the SFA student newspaper, *The Focus*, described her: "Bernadine is a lover of nature. Fishing, hunting and hiking through the woods with her dog Teddy, all strike a pleasing tone to her. Speaking of tones, Bernie can strike them pretty well herself as an accomplished pianist. Athletics also rate tops with her, especially basketball, although baseball and archery are not to be excluded." Her leadership was also recognized by her peers and later by our sisters.

Bernie entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate in 1947 and later received the name Sister Robert Marie. She earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from the College of St. Francis and an additional master's in counseling and guidance from Loyola University, Chicago. Her ministries included teaching a wide variety of subjects, principalships (Immaculate Conception, Columbus, and St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet), organist and choir director in schools across Ohio and Illinois. But it was at St. Joseph in Manhattan, Illinois, that Bernie served the longest along with her dear friend Sr. Donna Marie Baier. In addition to her teaching at this cherished school, Bernie was able to enjoy the outdoors in this semi-

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rural setting. She loved her gardening, outdoor handiwork, organizing hayrides and fishing from a boat. She long maintained the congregation's "Kank House" in Wilmington along the Kankakee River. Only after her work was finished would she take her fishing pole down to the banks and hope to bring home dinner.

After her retirement from teaching, Bernie ministered in the Congregation's Business Office for many years and later volunteered as a teacher's aide at the Franciscan Learning Center and in community service at Our Lady of Angels. Her faith centered around a merciful and loving God, whom she tried to emulate in her dealings with everyone she encountered. Her Franciscan spirit was most alive in her immersion in the natural settings around her.

Throughout her life, Bernie maintained close ties with her siblings. She was always eager to share her brother Jim's artwork with others. She made the most of family time and of spending time with her friends in and out of our Franciscan community. Bernie, you will be missed by your family, your students and their families, and your Franciscan sisters. The God you served so well has already welcomed you home! Amen! Alleluia!

## *Sister Bernadine Hasse, OSF*

*March 6, 1929 — December 9, 2021*

<i>Born:</i>	March 6, 1929
<i>Parents:</i>	Robert William Hasse and Marie Grill
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 2, 1947
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1948
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1950
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1953
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	December 9, 2021

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### **Ministry History**

1951-1953	Teacher: Grade 5, St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, Ohio
1953-1954	Organist/Teacher: Grade 6, Music: Immaculate Conception, Toledo, Ohio
1954-1957	Organist/Teacher: Grade 5, Music: St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, Ohio
1957-1959	Organist/Teacher: Grades 3 and 4, Music: St. John, Loveland, Colorado
1959-1960	Directress/Glee Club/Teacher: Grades 5 and 6, Organ, Music, Marybrook Academy, Maumee, Ohio
1960-1961	Teacher: Grade 7, Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, Ohio
1961-1964	Directress/Teacher: Grade 8, History, Music, Music Appreciation, Choral, Religion
1964-1967	Superintendent/Principal: Immaculate Conception: Columbus, Ohio
1967-1968	Teacher: Grade 8, Organ, Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, Illinois
1968-1973	Principal: St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet, Illinois
1973-1994	Teacher: Grades 5 and 6, St. Joseph, Manhattan, Illinois
1994-1995	Teacher: St. Joseph, Rockdale, Illinois
1995-2005	Business Office Worker: Congregation, Joliet, Illinois
2005-2006	Community Volunteer: Joliet, Illinois
2007-2010	Teacher Aide: Franciscan Learning Center, Joliet
2010-2019	Community Service: Joliet
2019-2021	Prayer Ministry: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Center

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<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 4, Grave 11, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, Robert and Marie (Grill) Hasse, and brothers Robert (Lily); Richard (Anne); and the Rev. James, SJ; and sisters Rita (Tom) Blackburn and Sr. Maria, OSF.
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sister Mary Ann and brothers John (Debra) and William, and many nieces and nephews

*Rest in Peace, Sister Bernadine!*