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S. Lucy Driscoll

January 26, 2024

Dear Sisters and Associates, Co-Workers, Family, and Friends,

As the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were drawing to a close, our S. Lucy Driscoll left this life to live eternal life with our loving God.

Ann Catherine Driscoll was born to John Driscoll and Henrietta Kuderer Driscoll in Carthage, Ohio, on July 5, 1937. She was the seventh of eight children, that being four sisters and three brothers. She attended St. Clement School in St. Bernard, Ohio where she became classmates with S. Amy Kistner, S. Elna (Louise Stemann) and S. Tecla (Rosie Jaehnen). For high school, together they moved on to Our Lady of the Angels. But as sophomores, she along with S. Amy and S. Elna, decided to join the Juniorate (Aspirancy) at the Academy in Oldenburg, Indiana, anticipating becoming Sisters of St. Francis. S. Tecla would follow them the next year. The four of them completed high school and entered the convent on February 2, 1955. Their class was large in comparison to others at that time and they became known at the Senators.

As a second-year novice, she began her teaching career enjoying 15 years with children in the primary grades, especially first grade. Then came a change of pace. When the school at St. Athanasius in Roseville, Michigan closed, the Sisters began serving in various ministries in the parish. These were new ministries for Sisters in the Church, as a whole, not just at Roseville.

S. Lucy thrived in this atmosphere. She became a catechist in the Eucharistic program preparing second graders for First Communion. That program involved parent sessions, as well as special liturgies. She was responsible for planning them. Working with parents in the Eucharist Program was also rewarding. With parent involvement, she saw many couples return to the worshipping community. Many parishioners expressed gratitude for the program. The Senior High Religious Education Program, along with their teachers, also benefitted from her expertise. In addition, she became the Coordinator of the Senior High Social Club. Her fun-loving, outgoing personality and generous nature made her successful in working with teens. Then there was Parish Ministry. She visited shut-ins and took Communion to some of them. Summer Vacation Bible School was an activity which benefitted from her experience as a teacher.

S. Lucy found involvement in Christian Service activities most rewarding. The parish prepared baskets that were delivered to the sick and shut-ins at Thanksgiving, and other needs at Christmas and Easter. She worked alongside the full-time Christian Service Coordinator on parish activities that helped the sick, those in need of food, and other needs.

When asked about her call to ministry in the parish, S. Lucy wrote, "Francis was a pilgrim person who was uncertain about where God's ministry would take him. Like Francis, we live on a day-to-day flexible schedule. With him, we try to live this with Franciscan joy. Francis ministered to the needs of all people and I feel this is what we are doing."

Another skill of S. Lucy's was being a certified bus driver! She used this gift to take senior citizens, teens and other church groups on outings. Sometimes she was needed to pick up children to come to the Religious Education classes. She enjoyed the variety of the work in which the Sisters were involved.

The pastor described S. Lucy thus, "S. Lucy has a quality which I poorly describe as 'plainness' and everyday 'openness' that lends itself beautifully to the service she gives. She has a bright smile and a directness that disarms and opens another. With all this she is ever 'the religious' in her love for the Eucharist and prayer."

Eventually she responded to the call to return to the classroom which she had always enjoyed. Finally for another change of pace, she worked as an Administrative Assistant for the friars of St. John the Baptist Province in Cincinnati before returning to the Motherhouse.

We extend our deepest sympathy to S. Lucy's brother, Bill and his wife Linda, nieces and nephews and other relatives, to her Sister classmates and all the Sisters and Associates. Our special thanks and sympathy to our nursing staff in St. Clare Hall and to the Pastoral Care team who so lovingly cared for S. Lucy.

In gratitude for her gifts shared,

Sister Annette Grisley, OSF

Sister Annette
For the General Council

SISTER LUCY (Ann Catherine) DRISCOLL

Birth: July 5, 1937

Entered Religious Life: February 2, 1955

Entered Eternal Life: January 25, 2024

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. LUCY SERVED:

1956-1958 St. Peter, Hamilton, OH	1969-1970 St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, IN
1958-1960 Holy Name, Beech Grove, IN	1970-1980 St. Athanasius, Roseville, MI
1960-1963 Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, IN	1980-1981 Good Shepherd, Cincinnati, OH
1963-1964 St. Mary, North Vernon, IN	1981-2007 St. Hugo, Bloomfield Hills, MI
1964-1967 Holy Trinity, St. Louis, MO	2007-2008 Sabbatical
1967-1969 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, IN	2008-2009 Family Ministry
	2009-2014 St. John the Baptist, OH
	2014-2024 Motherhouse

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Weigel Funeral Home – visit their website to view Sister's online memorial, and if desired, an online condolence may be left on the site to share with her family and the Franciscan Sisters – www.Weigelfh.com.

Memorial Donations in Sister's memory may be given online at www.OldenburgFranciscans.org.