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FACEBOOK: FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG



S. TERESA CAROL
VAN COMPERNOLLE, OSF

Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 2014

Dear Sisters, Associates, Family and Friends,

“I have called you by name, you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1b)

Very early in the morning on the Feast of the Annunciation Sister Teresa Carol (affectionately known as TC) peacefully journeyed home into the arms of God with Sisters praying at her bedside.

S. Teresa Carol was born in Kansas City, Missouri on November 26, 1924. Her parents were Alphonse and Matilda Van Compernelle, both from Belgium. She was given the name Irma, but was called “Sister” by family, relatives and friends because she was an only girl with six older brothers. S. Teresa Carol’s father died suddenly of a heart attack when she was four years old. A year later her mother remarried and a step-brother and two step-sisters were added to her family.

During her childhood years, S. Teresa Carol enjoyed playing sports, especially baseball, volleyball, skating, swimming and biking with her siblings and friends. She attended St. Francis Seraph School in Kansas City, MO where she was taught by the Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg. She loved to stay after school helping the Sisters in the classroom and sacristy. This was the beginning of her call to religious life. After completing high school at the Academy of the Immaculate Conception, Oldenburg, S. Teresa Carol entered the convent on September 8, 1941.

“Let the children come to me.” (Mark 10:14)

S. Teresa Carol received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Marian College (Marian University) and a Masters from Cardinal Stritch College in Wisconsin. For forty years she taught young children in the Catholic schools. In her autobiography, S. Teresa Carol wrote, “My joy was in the classroom with first graders. I loved little children. I truly enjoyed my years of teaching.” S. Teresa Carol was noted for her excellence in teaching and was described as very joyful, organized and compassionate. During this time she not only taught the little ones, but she was sacristan and mentored other teachers. She was also a role model and inspiration for the older students in school. Additionally, S. Teresa Carol was appreciated for her leadership on various committees within the parishes she served.

Following her teaching career, S. Teresa Carol furthered her own education becoming a certified nursing assistant ministering in a nursing home in Florida. She returned to Oldenburg in 1988 to spend the next sixteen years of her life as assistant sacristan in our convent chapel. She also enjoyed keeping the cars clean and helping out in the mailroom.

Yet, during this time God had something else in store for S. Teresa Carol, a ministry she would love and cherish. She was asked to care for a six month old little boy while his mother Beth taught at the Academy. TC was delighted to accept the offer and later said it became one of her most rewarding and endearing experiences. She became both baby-sitter and teacher for Evan. As time went by, two more siblings (Matthew and Eric) joined the family. With S. Elna Stemann’s help, TC felt

blessed to be “Nanny” for three little boys who were very special to her. They were the joy of her life. The Lamping’s became like a family to her and she to them.

“You are precious in my eyes and glorious.” (Isaiah 43:4a)

Speaking of her life, TC said, “As I look over my life, God has been very good to me. Yes, there have been many joys and also struggles that I had to face, but God has always been there for me.”

S. Teresa Carol would often say, “I am TC VC from KC and loved by JC!” If one would voice the words “I love you” to TC she would always respond with “I love you more!”

Yes, S. Teresa Carol, you are certainly loved by God and by each of us. We thank you for the great gift of love you have given to everyone you have touched over the years. May you now enjoy the eternal happiness you have long awaited.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to S. Teresa Carol’s family, friends, Sisters and Associates, as well as her classmates Sisters Michael Ann Aubin, Lavonne Long and Ruth Ann Wirtz. We also thank our nursing and pastoral care staff for so lovingly taking care of S. Teresa Carol.

In loving gratitude,



S. Joanita Koors, OSF
for the Council

S. TERESA CAROL VAN COMPERNOLLE, OSF

Birth: November 26, 1924

Entrance into Religious Life: September 8, 1941

Entrance into Eternal Life: March 25, 2014

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. TERESA CAROL SERVED:

1944-1948	Holy Cross, St. Louis, MO
1948-1949	St. Aloysius, Bridgetown, OH
1949-1953	Holy Cross, St. Louis, MO
1953-1955	St. Ann, Hamilton, OH
1955-1956	Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO
1956-1959	St. Clare, Cincinnati, OH
1959-1965	St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, OH
1965-1967	Little Flower, Indianapolis, IN
1967-1969	St. Anthony, Morris, IN
1969-1972	St. Gabriel, Connersville, IN
1972-1980	St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, IN
1980-1983	Holy Trinity, St. Louis, MO
1983-1984	House of Affirmation, Whitinsville, MA
1984-1987	Personal Growth Program, Tampa, FL
1987-2014	Motherhouse, Oldenburg, IN
2001-2004	Child Care, Oldenburg, IN

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

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