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FACEBOOK: FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG



March 31, 2015

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

S. ANGELA BENEDICT, OSF

On the morning of Palm Sunday, shortly after midnight, S. Angela Benedict journeyed home to God, making her own entry into the eternal Jerusalem. Perhaps palm branches were waving in her honor as she joined her parents, siblings, our deceased Sisters and the entire Communion of Saints.

One-hundred and four years ago, S. Angela was born in Chicago Heights, Illinois, the seventh of nine children. She and her sister Rose shared seven brothers, two of whom became priests. S. Angela was proud of her Italian heritage, both parents being from Naples, Italy. She became a talented musician who loved the violin. As one Sister said, "Sister Angela doesn't need her violin to make beautiful music. Her life as a religious, a teacher and volunteer social worker exemplifies the harmony in her life."

"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14

For over fifty-two years S. Angela taught in the Catholic schools of Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. Her guiding principle was, "To teach effectively one must love it and love the children even more." That she did! It was mainly the intermediate grades that claimed her energies and love. She also mentored other teachers, sharing her expertise and wisdom. Most of all, her students experienced the joy of learning and grew in their love for God.

"The brothers and sisters are to love God with their whole heart, their whole soul and mind and with all their strength, and to love their neighbor as themselves. Let them glorify God in all they do. Sent into the whole world, they should give witness by word and work."

St. Francis, Vision and Journey, Chapter 9, par. 29

This teaching of St. Francis was exemplified by S. Angela throughout her life. She was grounded in her love for God and gifted with the Franciscan charism of serving the poor. In addition to her school ministry, she spent endless hours ministering through the St. Vincent de Paul activities. S. Angela visited shut-ins, the elderly and the sick, and supplied them with needed food and clothing. S. Angela viewed her many diversified interests, along with the demands made upon her time and energy, as contributing factors to being where God wanted her to be and doing what God wanted her to do.

S. Angela loved her religious community and was dearly loved by her Sisters. Her presence, prayer-life, sense of humor, compassion and love made any home a place of greater joy. At age seventy-nine, S. Angela came home to the Motherhouse for retirement ministry. Here she continued to help those in need and graced each space with her presence. In her "later" years S. Angela needed to be the recipient of our beautiful care given in St. Clare Hall. With graciousness, she received what she had so freely given over the years.

“I will not forget you! I have carved you in the palm of my hand.” Isaiah 49:16

S. Angela, we will not forget you either. Thank you for blessing the lives of so many people during your eighty-five years as an Oldenburg Franciscan. You have indeed been an inspiration, a true Franciscan, a beacon of joy, love and hope. Your life has been one of harmony in the orchestra of life. You have certainly “done what was yours to do.” Now, please continue to pray for us as we “do what is ours to do.”

We extend our love and sympathy to the Sisters, Associates, Co-workers, family and friends of S. Angela. We thank our nursing staff, pastoral care staff, housekeepers, food service staff and Sisters for all the love and care given to S. Angela.

In loving gratitude,



Sister Joanita Koors, OSF
for the Council

S. ANGELA BENEDICT – FORMERLY S. MARY ALOYSIA:

Birth: December 12, 1910
Entrance into Religious Life: December 27, 1929
Entrance into Eternal Life: March 29, 2015

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. ANGELA SERVED:

1932-1933	Riverside, Cincinnati, OH
1933-1935	St. Vincent de Paul, Cincinnati, OH
1935-1939	St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, OH
1939-1942	Our Lady of Mercy, Dayton, OH
1942-1943	St. Louis, Batesville, IN
1943-1944	St. Joseph, Evansville, IN
1944-1946	St. Joseph, Cincinnati, OH
1946-1951	St. Leo, Cincinnati, OH
1951-1952	St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, IN
1952-1953	St. Bernard, Winton Place, Cincinnati, OH
1953-1963	St. Patrick, Minonk, IL
1963-1970	Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, IN
1970-1986	St. Michael, Indianapolis, IN
1986-1988	Ritter Convent, Indianapolis, IN
1988-1989	St. Anthony Convent, Streator, IL
1989-2015	Motherhouse, 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

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