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FACEBOOK: FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG



S. CORRINE ANN BROWN, OSF

February 12, 2018

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

In early November 2017, Sister Corrine Ann Brown learned that cancer had returned as part of her life. But this time there would be no treatments. Corrine Ann calmly spent the next three months quietly preparing for what had been her goal throughout her life: to be united with the God who was the core of her being. On the morning of February 5, 2018, Corrine Ann surrendered all in death.

The second youngest of five children born to Isador and Mary (Paulick) Brown, Corrine spent her formative years in Dayton, Ohio. Taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur during her first ten years of school, Corrine inquired about convent life after her sophomore year. Her father had a great devotion to St. Francis of Assisi and often talked about Francis' life and call, so Corrine decided that she would seek a Franciscan community. The Sisters of St. Francis asked her to transfer to Immaculate Conception Academy (now Oldenburg Academy) in order to get to know them better. She entered the Community on September 8, 1943.

In an article in *Modern Ministries* magazine, Corrine described her thirty years of teaching English, Spanish and History to teenagers as a blessed time. One of her former students said that if you began a year knowing that you were in one of her classes, you knew it was going to be a good year. She changed ministries to become a parish administrator of a rural parish in Iowa, a pastoral associate in Hamilton, Ohio and Coleman, Wisconsin, and finally a hospital chaplain. In an article in 2010 in our Community magazine, Corrine stated that she enjoyed all her ministries, but found the true purpose of her life in chaplaincy work. It was through this work that she learned the real definition of compassion and reconciliation. She wrote several articles about these two topics and these articles became a source of inspiration for other chaplains.

Corrine retired to the Motherhouse in 2008. She delighted in belonging to book groups, taking long walks, driving other Sisters to places of interest and re-connecting with family members after having been in ministry in distant places. A friend gave her a card that said: "Retirement is when you stop living at work and begin to work at living."

Corrine Ann Brown did indeed work at living, which has blessed all of us who knew her. Our sympathy is extended to her dear nieces and nephews, her friends, former co-workers, and the staff in St. Clare Hall. We are reminded of the words of Isaiah the prophet when we think of Corrine:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring blessings, calm and peace.” Isaiah 52:7



S. Margie Niemer
for the Council

SISTER CORRINE ANN BROWN, OSF

Birth: March 2, 1926

Entrance into Religious Life: September 8, 1943

Entrance into Eternal Life: February 5, 2018

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. CORRINE ANN SERVED:

1946-1948	Little Flower, Indianapolis, IN
1948-1949	St. Mary's, Aurora, IN
1949-1951	Holy Name, Indianapolis, IN
1951-1953	St. Anthony, Dayton, OH
1953-1954	St. Anthony, Evansville, IN
1954-1955	St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, IN
1955-1956	Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
1956-1961	St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH
1961-1973	Immaculate Conception Academy, Oldenburg, IN
1973-1974	Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, Student
1974-1975	Fenwick High School, Middletown, OH
1975-1981	Immaculate Conception Academy, Oldenburg, IN
1981-1982	St. Mary Seminary, Student, Cincinnati, OH
1982-1983	St. Peter, Hamilton, OH, Parish Minister
1983-1987	Mother Cabrini, Richmond, IA, Parish Administrator
1987-1988	Regis College, University of Toronto, Canada, Student
1988-1991	St. Francis of Assisi, Coleman, WI, Parish Minister
1991-1993	St. Patrick, Iowa City, IA, Parish Minister, Chaplain Hospital
1993-2004	St. Vincent Hospital, Jacksonville, FL, Director of Chaplaincy
2004-2008	Mercy Hospital, Mt Airy, Cincinnati, OH
2008-2018	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

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