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S. FRANCES JEAN SANDSCHULTE, OSF

***Bach gave us God's Word  
Mozart gave us God's Laughter  
Beethoven gave us God's Fire  
God gave us Music that we might pray without words.***

**-Found on wall of German opera house**

01-10-2017

Dear Sisters, Associates, Co-Workers, Relatives and Friends of S. Frances Jean,

The above quote was on a framed poster in S. Frances Jean Sandschulte's bedroom. I think it meant so much to her because her life was a constant prayer without words.

Born Jeanette, the oldest of Elizabeth and Henry Sandschulte's five children, she enjoyed being part of a musically-gifted family. Some of her earliest memories included listening avidly as her mother played the piano. The five children took music lessons and were members of the elementary school band at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Cincinnati. After graduating from Seton High School, she worked for two years before joining the Sisters of St. Francis.

***Musical training  
is a more potent instrument  
than any other, because  
Rhythm and Harmony  
find their way into the  
inward places of the soul.***

***Plato***

S. Frances Jean provided musical training to countless children and adults for sixty-five years. In some of the parishes where she ministered she was the parish organist as well as the school instrumental instructor and band director. During those many years she never missed a day of instruction. Her expectations were high and sometimes her voice could be gruff, but her students knew that she wanted the best for them and loved, admired and respected her.

***Music washes away from the soul  
the dust of everyday life***

***Berthold Averbach***

Trombone was her instrument of choice, but when she was preparing to come to Oldenburg, her mother told her that a trombone was not something one took to the convent! Years later she had a chance to join a community orchestra. She asked a student if she could borrow his instrument so she could “brush up.” There followed many years of joy in performing with the group and acquiring steadfast friends.

***The Music is not in the Notes  
but in the Silence between.***

***Mozart***

The music of S. Frances Jean’s life has been silenced here on earth but continues in the glory she now enjoys in eternity. Our sympathy is extended to her family, friends and the nursing staff in St. Clare Hall. Our applause continues for her great musicianship and for the talent she nurtured in so many.

In heartfelt thanksgiving,



Sister Margie Niemer  
*for the General Council*

SISTER FRANCES JEAN (JEANETTE) SANDSCHULTE, OSF

Born: August 12, 1919

Entered Religious Life: September 12, 1939

Entered Eternal Life: January 5, 2017

**MISSIONS AT WHICH SR. FRANCES JEAN SERVED:**

1943-1948	Our Lady of Angels, St. Bernard, OH
1948-1949	Infant Jesus, Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico
1949-1952	Little Flower, Indianapolis, IN
1952-1953	Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, IN
1953-1955	St. Mary, New Albany, IN
1955-1963	St. Catherine, Cincinnati, OH
1963-1964	Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, IN
1964-1985	St. Aloysius, Bridgetown, Cincinnati, OH
1985-2007	Music Teacher at St. Catherine, LaSalle, Mercy - Cin., OH
2007-2017	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](http://www.Weigelfh.com)*

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