

September 14, 2020

Dear Sisters and Associates,

On Saturday, April 11, 2020, LaVern Grimm was called home to celebrate Holy Saturday evening with her beloved God. Before LaVern's health prohibited it, for many years LaVern would have been at the Easter Vigil service at the time of her passing. For nearly 20 years LaVern served on the RCIA team of her parish, Holy Redeemer in Evansville, IN, either as a team member or a sponsor of one of the Catechumens or Candidates. She helped bring more than 100 people into the Catholic Church.



LaVern was generous and faith filled. She initiated Ministry of Mothers and was a part of the Welcoming Committee of the parish. She was active in Christ Renews His Parish and in Cursillo. I met LaVern while serving as a Spiritual Director of a Cursillo weekend. We became great friends and I invited her to consider becoming an Associate of the Sisters of St. Francis. LaVern signed her commitment on April 18, 1999 and gladly became a very active Associate. She continued her ministries at Holy Redeemer and very much looked forward to our monthly meetings and occasional trips to Oldenburg. She loved visiting the Sisters in St. Clare Hall. Her Associate Statement Read:

*Making a deeper and more centered commitment to Christ. To become more Franciscan in my daily life through continued study and prayer. Wanting only to reflect God's love with hospitality to all I meet, and with St. Francis' respect for all of God's creation. Using prayer and service I dedicate all that I am into becoming a good and faithful Associate to the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg.*

Besides all the ministry she did at the parish, Lavern had a full social life. She was an avid bridge player and participated in leagues. LaVern was devoted to her family and loved telling me about how each of them and their families were doing, especially her grandchildren; how each was doing in school and what awards they had earned. LaVern had a great sense of humor and would often smile and say she had to be happy because her name was "Grimm". Even her computer password was Got2Hope.

LaVern, may you be resting in the arms of our loving God knowing you have touched so many lives with your love and joy.

Rest in Peace,

Sr. Joan Miller