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FACEBOOK: FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG



S. PATRICIA CONNOR, OSF

November 13, 2017

Dear Sisters, Associates, Family and Friends,

Following a few months of declining health, Sister Pat Connor died peacefully on November 6 at 9:30 p.m.

Pat was born in Hays, Kansas, the first of seven children. Her parents, Charles and Matilda (Thiel) Connor, were farmers. Pat worked on the farm along with her siblings, proud of her rural heritage. Before coming to join the Franciscans of Oldenburg, Pat attended Union One Elementary School, Trego Community High School, Texas State College for Women, and Marymount College.

During her freshman year in college, Pat mulled over the idea of religious life. Because of an interest in mission work, she contacted the Maryknoll Missionaries only to discover that she wouldn't be accepted because of past bouts with rheumatic fever. Paging through a magazine advertising hundreds of religious communities, she decided on the Oldenburg community because the advertisement indicated that they did mission work in China. When she arrived by train in Batesville on September 11, 1949, she didn't know that the attempt to staff missions in China had not met with success.

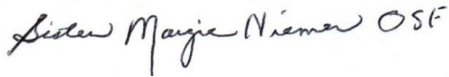
In 1950, Pat began her novitiate and was given the name "Sister Cajetan." She taught in several elementary schools, but her longest service was at Marian University, beginning in 1974 until her retirement to Oldenburg in 2013. At Marian, Pat served in the library and was regarded as an extremely productive employee. She was an early riser and began her day before the library officially opened, cataloging and being of service with her winning smile. Sports were of great interest to her and she never missed a home basketball game. In her retirement years she had posters of her beloved St. Louis Cardinals on her door and could listen to the Cardinals' game, watch the Colts on television and read science fiction – all at the same time!

After a doctor told her that her death was imminent, Pat showed S. Joanita Koors a copy of the St. Francis Manual Prayer Book. Pat told her that she had begun praying the Act of Resignation several times daily:

*My Lord God, even now I accept at thy hands,
cheerfully and willingly,
with all its anxieties, pains, and sufferings,
whatever kind of death it shall please thee to be mine. Amen.*

Pat was able to pray these words because of her deep and ever-present faith. Our sympathy is extended to her family, classmates, the Marian University family, her friends, the Pastoral Care Team and the St. Clare Hall nursing staff who diligently tended to her needs. May blessed memories of Pat live on in each of you.

Gratefully,



S. Margie Niemer
for the Council

SISTER PATRICIA (formerly S. Cajetan) CONNOR, OSF

Birth: September 6, 1929

Entrance into Religious Life: September 11, 1949

Entrance into Eternal Life: November 6, 2017

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. PAT SERVED:

1951-1952	St. Bernard, Winton Place, OH
1952-1957	St. Joseph, Princeton, IN
1957-1959	St. Bernard, Taylor Creek, OH
1959-1965	St. Peter, Chillicothe, OH
1965-1974	St. Paul, New Alsace, IN
1974-2013	Marian University, Indianapolis, IN
2013-2017	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

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