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Sister Teresa Trick

October 6, 2026

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

Just after midnight on September 27th, the death anniversary of our foundress Mother Theresa Hackelmeier, Sister Teresa Trick, our 80 year Jubilarian, completed her life of loving service and was received into the arms of her Beloved. We rejoice that Teresa is now at rest, marveling at all the Little Flowers of heaven and is reunited with her parents, siblings, and classmates who have gone before her.

Teresa Marie was born on the Fourth of July in 1928 in Dayton, Ohio, the fourth child of Lawrence and Bertha Rose (Schnorr) Trick's ten children. All of Teresa's siblings were boys and the youngest boys were twins born when Teresa was in the eighth grade. Teresa wrote in her autobiography, "I suppose one could say I was named before I was born. Three brothers were born before me; the second brother, Bob, was very ill shortly after his birth. This was at the time of the Little Flower's canonization (Thérèse of Lisieux on May 17, 1925) and my mother promised if God gave her a daughter she would be named after the Little Flower." And so began Teresa's lifelong love of tending plants and flowers – whether watching over a delicate orchid in a Sister's room, selecting blooms to arrange for Jubilee displays in chapel and our Dining Room, or her quiet habit of sharing the beauty she saw in a vase of flowers with anyone she thought might need a gift of love that day.

Teresa described her mother as "quite gifted and was able to sew, knit, cook and bake and make household repairs. She also attended daily Mass whenever possible and taught the children to pray." Their large family did many things together, including visiting grandparents and other relatives. In Teresa's autobiography she shares, "Our home was always open to any relative in need." Teresa took those early lessons in acquiring practical skills and offering care and support to those less fortunate into her years of ministry as an Oldenburg Franciscan. Teresa was honored at the 2014 Franciscan Federation conference as "Someone who creates a sense of hospitality/inclusivity; Someone who works toward widening our circles of compassion to include those persons who are often overlooked or excluded; Someone who lives out of a deliberate contemplative awareness that embraces all creation." In receiving her honor, it was noted that Teresa "is a leader in the Motherhouse community's commitment to the poor by scheduling workers in the local food pantry, as well as purchasing needed items with donated funds. A special project is collecting clothes and household items to be shared with a parish in Appalachia where our Sisters minister. Teresa's compassion and warmth are extended to all. Through her contemplative nature, she finds God in all creation and makes special efforts to preserve and reverence all of God's precious gifts." Earlier this year, S. Annette Grisley, in writing Teresa's bio as an 80 year Jubilarian simply stated that *Teresa was and is always on the move.*

Teresa was taught by our Sisters at Our Lady of Mercy in Dayton. It was when she was a sophomore at Julienne High School that she made known her desire to enter the Franciscan Community and it was her eighth grade teacher, S. Dismas, who assisted her journey to Oldenburg. Teresa devoted her first 39 years of ministry to teaching primary students in both Indiana and Ohio; We know of at least three of her former students who later became priests - including our chaplain, Fr. Ken Overberg, who she taught in the first grade at St. Al's in Bridgetown.

While Teresa retired from teaching in 1987, she didn't retire from active ministry. After she took some training in accounting and office skills for people over 55, she worked for the next ten years at the Cincinnati Public Library as a library assistant. Before moving to the motherhouse in 2001, she was also a part of the Formation House at St. Clement in Cincinnati for two years while engaged in various social outreach ministries as a volunteer. Teresa's list of ministries and responsibilities at the motherhouse that she selflessly took on over the next twenty-five years is literally too numerous to even recount. Every Sister, Associate, and Co-worker will have their own way of remembering and missing our dear Sister Teresa Trick!!

Just a few days ago, on the Feast of St. Francis, our Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 16: The Path of Life. Take a moment to close your eyes and imagine Teresa, free at last, singing this psalm with all the saints in heaven:

You will show me the path of life, the delights that await me in your presence.
Without you there is nothing; no joy can be complete until at last I sit by your side.
My heart exults, my spirit sings, even my body trusts in you;
For you will not abandon my soul to death, nor let me sink into the grave.
You will show me the path of life, the delights that await me in your presence.
Without you there is nothing; no joy can be complete until at last I sit by your side.

We are grateful for Teresa's faithful Gospel witness and the kindness, the love, and the practical wisdom she shared with all she met. We offer our condolences to her family and friends, her Sisters and Associates in Community, and to her caregivers in St. Clare Hall who offered their love and understanding in many ways.

In loving memory,

S. Susan Marie Pleiss, OSF

Sister Susan Marie Pleiss
For the Leadership Team

SISTER TERESA TRICK (formerly S. Bertha Rose)
Birth: July 4, 1928
Entered Religious Life: April 8, 1946
Entered Eternal Life: September 27, 2026

MISSIONS WHERE S. TERESA (Bertha Rose) SERVED:

1949-1952	St. Aloysius, Bridgetown, Cincinnati OH	1975-1977	St. Joseph, Princeton IN
1952-1959	St. Michael, Indianapolis IN	1977-1979	St. Catherine, Cincinnati OH
1959-1961	St. Ann, Hamilton OH	1979-1981	Holy Family, Richmond IN
1961-1964	St. Catherine, Cincinnati OH	1981-1987	St. Christopher, Indianapolis IN
1964-1965	St. Michael, Brookville IN	1987-1988	Volunteer Tutoring
1965-1970	St. Clare, Cincinnati OH	1988-1999	Public Library, Cincinnati OH
1970-1971	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Cincinnati OH	1999-2001	Mother of Christ, Cincinnati OH
1971-1973	St. Mary-Holy Trinity, New Albany IN	2001-2026	Motherhouse, Oldenburg IN
1973-1975	Our Lady of Victory, Cincinnati OH		

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*