



**Sr. Barbara Jinks**

*February 5, 1932 – June 3, 2010*

Sr. Barbara (Servatius) Jinks (78) died on Thursday, June 3, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio, in her 59<sup>th</sup> year of religious profession.

Born to Albert and Catherine (Sullivan) Jinks, Barbara attended Holy Name of Mary GS and graduated from Mary Immaculate HS. She entered the Novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in 1949, and in 1951 she made her Profession of Vows.

Sr. Barbara earned a BS from St. Mary of the Spring College (now Ohio Dominican University) and an MA from Notre Dame University. In addition to teaching assignments in New York at Annunciation GS (1951-58) and St. Mary GS, Marietta, OH (1962-65), she served the Diocese of Columbus as a teacher at Christ the King, Columbus, (1958-62); a special needs teacher at St. Bernadette, Lancaster (1979-80); a principal at Holy Trinity, Somerset (1965-68), St. Francis GS, Newark (1968-76), and St. Agatha, Columbus (1988-95); and an educational consultant for St. Brigid, Dublin (1995-96). As one who suffered from different ocular problems herself, Sr. Barbara worked as a co-coordinator of the NOEL (National Optometry Educational Learning) Center, Lancaster (1979-88) and helped to create changes in both optometric practices and academic school programs. She also served her Dominican Sisters in many capacities over the years: as Mohun Health Care Center Administrator (1976-79); member of the Congregational Development Office (1996-97); Superior of the Motherhouse Community (1997-2000); and Motherhouse Transportation Coordinator (2000-2004). In 2004, she moved to Mohun Health Care Center, where she entered a ministry of prayer.

Sr. Barbara often joked about how, being born a preemie, her parents brought her home from the hospital in a shoebox. As she grew, Sr. Barbara laughed about moving from her shoebox bed to a dresser drawer. Surrounded by those she loved, the New York Irish clan of the Sullivan family provided strong roots for Sr. Barbara's upbringing. In her Jubilee reflection, she commented, "It is remarkable that except for my first seven years of teaching, I, a tried and true New Yorker, spent my 35 years in administration in the Columbus Diocese."

While teaching in New York at Annunciation Boys School, she also recalled with much hilarity, teaching Irish dancing to the children of the changing neighborhood. She commented, "Each year we put on an 'Irish' show at the school and all the parents came. We never stopped to think it was odd that we were teaching Puerto Rican and African American kids from 132 Street to sing old Irish songs and dance a jig." Nearly 50 years later, many of those same boys visited Ohio to celebrate Sr. Barbara's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

The wake for Sr. Barbara will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at 3pm at the Columbus Motherhouse. Evening Prayer and a Vigil of Remembrance will begin at 5pm. The funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, June 9, at 9am at the Columbus Motherhouse. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Sr. Barbara's memory may be sent to the Dominican Sisters of Peace at 2320 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219-2098.