



Sr. Teresa Miriam McEnaney, OP

April 12, 1914 – May 7, 2010

Sr. Teresa Miriam McEnaney (96) died on Friday, May 7, 2010, at Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, OH, in her 80th year of religious profession.

Born to Patrick and Mary (Moody) McEnaney in New York, New York, Catherine was one of four children. She entered the Novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (Columbus) in 1930 and made her First Profession of Vows as Sr. Teresa Miriam in 1932.

Sr. Teresa Miriam earned a BA from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, OH) and an MA from Notre Dame University (South Bend, IN) in educational administration. Her ministry in education brought her to many schools: Holy Name GS, Steubenville, OH (1932-36); St. Mary GS, New Haven, CT (1936-37); St. Mark GS, Brooklyn, NY (1937-42); Annunciation GS, New York, NY (1942-45); St. Vincent Ferrer GS, New York, NY (1945-48); Holy Name GS, Columbus, OH (1948-54); St. Clare GS, Grosse Pointe, MI (1954-55); Dominican Academy, New York, NY (1955-56); St. Mary HS, New Haven, CT (1956-57, 77-81); Mary Immaculate HS, Ossing, NY (1957-62); Northwest Catholic HS, West Hartford, CT (1962-69, 81-87); and St. Vincent Ferrer HS, New York, NY (1969-77, 87-2003). Later, Sr. Teresa Miriam served as a Finance Office volunteer for the former St. Mary of the Springs congregation (2003-08) before moving to Mohun Health Care Center, where she entered a ministry of prayer.

She once shared that upon entering the convent at the age of 16, her parents were heartbroken, but felt they didn't want to interfere with God's will for their daughter. But almost 80 years of vowed religious life certainly confirms that becoming a Dominican Sister was truly God's plan for Sr. Teresa Miriam!

When she celebrated her 75th Jubilee just a few years ago, Sr. Teresa Miriam reflected that she had remained steadfast in her religious commitment by keeping her focus on God – the source of her vocation, her strength in times of trial, and the reason for all that she did. "In any life, there are demands and struggles, but through the grace of God, you are empowered to do whatever you need to do," she shared. "I've witness a lot of changes in my life, especially in religious life, over the years. But while the externals have changed, God remains the same. If you keep your focus on God, you'll be in good hands."

The wake for Sr. Teresa Miriam will be held Tuesday, May 11, at 3pm followed by evening prayer and a Vigil of Remembrance at 5pm in the Columbus Motherhouse Chapel. The funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 12, at 9am in the Columbus Motherhouse Chapel. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

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