



**Sr. Ann Mary Sakmar, OP**

*March 31, 1914 – April 27, 2010*

Sr. Ann Mary Sakmar (96) died on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at Lourdes Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Waterford, MI, in her 77<sup>th</sup> year of religious profession.

Born to Joseph and Cecilia (Benci) Sakmar in Blairsville, Pennsylvania, Ann Mary was one of six children. She graduated from St. Clement, Centerline & Felician Academy in June 1929, entered the Dominican Novitiate of the former St. Rose of Lima, Michigan, congregation in August 1929, and made her Final Profession of Vows in 1936.

Sr. Ann Mary earned a BA in English from the University of Detroit and Marygrove College with a double minor in French and science, and an MA from the University of Detroit in both English and education. Her ministry in education brought her to many schools: SS. Cyril & Methodius, Windber, PA (1929-31); SS. Cyril & Methodius, Detroit MI (1932-41, 43-44, 45-50, 64-67); Sacred Heart, Flint, MI (1944-45, 53-56); Bishop Kelly, Lapeer, MI (1950-53, 78-80); OLL, Waterford, MI (1957-63); Holy Rosary, Flint, MI (1963-64, 77-78); St. Benedict, Pontiac, MI (1967-72); Dominican Academy (1972-73); and St. Vincent Ferrer, Madison Heights, MI (1973-76). Aside from her ministry in schools, Sr. Ann Mary taught the congregation's postulants at the Oxford Motherhouse (1949-50) and Catholic Christian Doctrine (CCD) students at Holy Trinity in Ironwood, MI (1956-1957). Later she changed ministries, serving at Lourdes Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in various roles until her retirement: secretary (1976-77), activities director (1980-81), medical records coordinator (1981-96), and pastoral minister (1996-2001).

Sr. Ann Mary was known to be neat, tidy, and a meticulous record keeper. This made her a perfect match in her various ministries at Lourdes, particularly in her administrative roles, but even in pastoral ministry, where she diligently checked on residents whom she knew had special needs. As an educator, for both students and postulants alike, Sr. Ann Mary was a wonderful and respected teacher and principal, and was even known to have transported a Sister or two from their homes to the doors of the convent.

In her free time, Sr. Ann Mary enjoyed reading. She was also quite devoted to her family and regularly had Masses said in their honor.

The wake was held on Thursday, April 29, at 7pm and the funeral liturgy on Friday, April 30, at 11am at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Oxford Motherhouse.

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