



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

On Monday, September 14, 2009, Sister Regina Marie Anson slipped peacefully into eternity at 3:00 in the afternoon. The Lord called her to her eternal reward after Sister's health declined during her last years at Our Lady of Angels.

Born on November 25, 1921, Sister Regina Marie was given the name Ione Marie by her loving parents William R. Anson and Regina (Hennessy) Anson. She was baptized at St. Raymond Church on December 4, 1921. Ione was the oldest of three siblings: her brother, Father William Anson, CSV (now deceased) and twin sisters Marilyn Taylor (deceased) and Marjorie Ann Nelson who still resides in Joliet.

Ione was an outgoing child and thoroughly enjoyed many good times with friends and family. She could always be counted on to add great fun to any gathering.

As Ione grew older, one could see a more serious side to her. She longed to enter the convent – to become a Sister of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate. So, after completing high school at St. Francis Academy and a semester at the College of St. Francis, Ione applied to enter the postulancy. Her first day in the convent was February 3, 1940. Throughout her early years of training and preparing for profession of vow, Ione (now Sister Regina Marie) committed herself to her new way of life. Those in charge of the postulants and novices remarked how helpful she was, how kindly she treated others and how determined she was to live her life as a Joliet Franciscan. These qualities led to her acceptance into the period of temporary vows and then to her final profession of vows on August 12, 1945.

Regina spent her early years of ministry in teaching at the elementary level. Her continued success as a teacher led to her becoming a Superior and

Alleluia!



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Principal. Friends who lived with her at St. Pius X in Lombard noted how parents and other parishioners loved her. She, in turn, cared deeply for those to whom she ministered. Of course, Regina still had that great ability to bring her cheerful attitude to every situation, so she could still be counted on for some light-hearted exchanges with both faculty and students. A project she was especially devoted to at this time was the Fran Center in Darien, Illinois.

In 1972 Regina left St. Pius X and became an Instructor at the College of St. Francis in Joliet. Her complete commitment and dedication to students in the education department led to her being assigned as a field supervisor of student teachers. This position gave her the opportunity to work closely and tirelessly in preparing young students to strive for excellence in the classroom. Faculty members at CSF admired Regina's warmth, friendliness, and complete devotion to the College. Regina was noted for being actively involved in numerous projects both in the education department and the College at large.

Sister Regina Marie retired from CSF in 1993. In 2002 she became a resident at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, until her death on September 12.

Amen. Alleluia.

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November 25, 1921 — September 14, 2009

<i>Born:</i>	November 25, 1921
<i>Parents:</i>	William R. and Regina (Hennessy) Anson
<i>Postulancy:</i>	February 3, 1940
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1940
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1942
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1945
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	September 14, 2009

Ministry History

1942—1943	Teacher: Grade 3; St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, Ohio
1943—1950	Teacher: Grades 3 & 4; St. Pascal, Chicago, Illinois
1950—1952	Teacher: Grade 4; Immaculate Conception, Columbus
1952—1954	Social Worker: Toledo Catholic Charities, Toledo, Ohio
1954—1955	Teacher: Grade 6; Immaculate Conception, Toledo
1955—1960	Teacher: Grades 4, 5, 7, 8; Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, Chicago
1960—1961	Teacher: Grade 7; St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, Ohio
1961—1963	Teacher/Principal: St. Bernard, Joliet, Illinois
1963—1972	Superior/Principal: St. Pius X, Lombard, Illinois
1972—1978	Instructor: College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois
1978—1979	Associate Professor: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1979—1983	Assistant Professor: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1983—1993	Assistant Professor/Resident Director: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1993—2009	Retired

<i>Wake:</i>	Friday, September 18, 2009, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Friday, September 18, 2009, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Friday, September 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Saturday, September 19, 2009, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	Resurrection Cemetery, S5-L160-G3
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, William R. and Regina (Hennessy) Anson, her brother Reverend William Anson, C.S.V. and her sister, Marilyn Taylor.
<i>Survived by:</i>	One sister, Marjorie (Herbert) Nelson

Rest in Peace, Sister Regina Marie