



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

Sister Karen Kauderer slipped quietly into eternity in the evening on Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center after being hospitalized earlier in the week.

Born on May 11, 1915, she was baptized Eileen Ida at St. Peter's Church in Columbus, Ohio. She was the eldest of nine children born to August and Elizabeth (Schneider) Kauderer.

Eileen attended St. Leo's elementary school in Columbus. She graduated from Sacred Heart, a two year commercial school in June, 1931. After completing her education, Eileen worked as a dressmaker and housekeeper. In September of 1943 she applied to enter the Congregation. On January 29, 1944, she became a postulant.

On August 12, 1944, Eileen was admitted into the novitiate and was given the name Sister Karen. Because Sister Karen was older than the other novices, Sister Verna Furiel nicknamed her "Ma Karen." As the years progressed, the others in the two novitiate classes discontinued using the nickname except Sister Verna.

As a postulant and novice, she completed the course work to graduate from St. Francis Academy. She later received her B.A. degree from the College of St. Francis.

Sister Karen's teaching career spanned forty-eight years. The first twenty-seven of them were spent at St. Francis Academy in Joliet. She moved from there to teach at St. Francis De Sales High School on the East side of Chicago where she remained as a teacher for twenty-one years.

Sister Karen especially enjoyed teaching her Spanish students the art of cooking. She, herself, was introduced to a culinary surprise when her students cooked a wonderful Spanish dinner for her. Her

Alleluia!



Sister M. Karen Kauderer, OSF

love of cooking inspired her to surprise guests with dinners that were worthy of the description "gourmet."

Sister Karen remembered with great fondness the summer she was asked to design and make new bridal gowns for the young women who were about to enter the novitiate. Her sewing and dressmaking skills served her well in this assignment!

Always quiet and reserved, Sister Karen went about her daily life loving her Franciscan vocation. She was always willing to use her talents in the service of others. One of her former coordinators remarked how much her presence was appreciated at St. Francis De Sales Parish. She often joined with members of the Seniors' Club for an afternoon of visiting.

We cherish the memory of this loving, quiet and prayerful woman. We extend our condolences to her dear sister, Mary Mercedes; to her classmates, Sisters Margaret Ann Zimmerman, Marlene Ambrose, Clare Wand and Margaret Duffy; and to her caring and loving cousin, Sister Elaine R. Schneider, who spent much time with her during her years at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home.

Amen. Alleluia.

Sister M. Karen Kauderer, OSF

May 11, 1915 — March 7, 2010

Born: May 11, 1915
Parents: August H. and Elizabeth M. (Schneider) Kauderer
Postulancy: January 29, 1944
Novitiate: August 12, 1944
First Profession: August 12, 1946
Final Profession: August 12, 1949
Entered New Life: March 7, 2010

Ministry History

1948-1969 Teacher: Sewing, Home Economics; St. Francis Academy, Joliet, Illinois
1969-1991 Teacher: Clothing, Foods, Home Economics; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, Illinois
1992-1995 Substitute Teacher / Volunteer: St. Francis de Sales, Chicago
1995 –2004 Domestic Work: St. Francis De Sales Convent, Chicago
2004-2010 Community Service: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, Illinois

Wake: Friday, March 12, 2010, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Prayer Service: Friday, March 12, 2010, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, March 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Burial: Saturday, March 13, 2010, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
Interment: Resurrection Cemetery: Section 8, Lot 364, Grave 10
Predeceased by: Her parents, August and Elizabeth Kauderer; her sisters, Rita Exenkemper, Elizabeth Sahr, Alice Kauderer, Rosemary Bowen; her brothers, Alban Kauderer, Leo Kauderer and Robert Kauderer
Survived by: Her sister, Mary Mercedes Greene and her cousin, Sister Elaine R. Schneider

Rest in Peace, Sister Karen