



## *Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate*

Sister Florence Niemet died peacefully at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home on Saturday, February 20, 2010. Her illness was not a prolonged one, and even a few weeks before her death she could be seen in the Chapel balcony participating in daily Mass.

Florence was born to Michael and Josephine (Mikolajczyk) Niemet on October 1, 1916, in Chicago. She was baptized on October 15, 1916, at St. Hyacinth Church in Chicago. Florence was the middle child in a family of five. Her brothers, George and Edward are deceased as is her sister Emily. Her sister Bernice is still living.

Florence's early education took place at Portage Park School, grades 1 through 4, and continued at St. Pascal's, grades 5 through 8. She attended Carl Schurz High School and completed her secondary education at St. Francis Academy as an aspirant.

On June 30, 1933, Florence sent a letter to Mother Thomasine to request admission as a postulant to the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate. September 8 of that year began her 76 year history with us. On August 12, 1934 she was accepted as a novice and received the habit of the Sisters of St. Francis as well as the new name of "Sister Arduin." Two years later she made temporary vows.

Sister Florence's academic interests were many and varied. She began her ministry of education in 1936 at St. Francis Xavier teaching 5th grade. The next year found her as a student again at the College of St. Francis. After two years at CSF, Sister Florence began a ministry of secondary education at St. Mary's in Columbus. Three years later, Sister Florence became a student again. This time at St. John's School of Nursing in Springfield, Illinois. The following year she ministered as a nurse at the

# *Alleluia!*



*Sister Florence Niemet, OSF*

Motherhouse infirmary along with teaching Biology at the College of St. Francis. In 1944 she was assigned to St. Francis Academy and taught there and at other Catholic high schools in Chicago and Ohio until 1969.

Sister Florence's interests took a unique turn as she began working as a guidance counselor. In preparation for this career change, she enrolled in those classes at the Chicago State University which would enable her to become qualified to work with the mentally challenged. After receiving a Master's degree at Chicago State, Sister Florence joined the staff of the Esperanza School in Chicago where she taught Special Education from 1972 to 2001. Sister Florence retired to our Motherhouse in 2001 and then moved to Our Lady of Angels in 2003. While residing at Our Lady of Angels, she quietly continued her ministry of caring for others by visiting the sisters and by showing concern for them in their illness.

Sister Florence, we are so edified to have had you as our Sister in this Congregation. May the Lord regard you greatly for the countless ways you served and ministered to those in need.

Amen, Alleluia!

## *Sister Florence Niemet, OSF*

*October 1, 1916 — February 20, 2010*

<i>Born:</i>	October 1, 1916
<i>Parents:</i>	Michael and Josephine (Mikolajczyk) Niemet
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 8, 1933
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1934
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1936
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1939
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	February 20, 2010

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### **Ministry History**

1936-1937	Teacher: Grade 5; St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, Illinois
1937-1939	Student: College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois
1939-1942	Teacher: Religion, English, History; St. Mary High School, Columbus, Ohio
1942-1943	Student: St. John School of Nursing, Springfield, Illinois
1943-1944	Biology Instructor: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1944-1949	Teacher: Religion, Biology, English; St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1949-1950	Teacher: Intermediate; Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, Ohio
1950-1951	Teacher: Religion, English, Biology, Home Nursing; St. Clement High School, Chicago
1951-1959	Teacher: Religion, Biology, Health, Home Nursing; St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago
1959-1960	Teacher: Religion, Biology, English; Marybrook Academy, Maumee, Ohio
1960-1962	Teacher: English, Biology, Speech; St. Mary High School, Columbus
1962-1966	Teacher: English, St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago, IL
1966-1967	Teacher: English, Religion, Business; Sts. Peter and Paul High School, Chicago
1967-1969	Teacher: English, Director Visual Aids; St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago
1969-1972	Guidance Counselor: Notre Dame High School, Chicago
1972-2001	Special Education Teacher: Esperanza School, Chicago
2001-2003	Community Service: St. Francis Convent, Joliet
2003-2010	Community Service: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet

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<i>Wake:</i>	Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Thursday, February 25, 2010, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 364, Grave 11, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, Michael and Josephine (Mikolajczyk) Niemet; her brothers, George and Edward; and her sister Emily
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sister Bernice Tartarowicz, nieces and nephews

*Rest in Peace, Sister Florence*