



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

On Friday, April 9, 2010, toward the end of Easter Week, our Sister Teresine Haban slipped quietly into eternity to meet her risen Lord. Her passing from this earthly life into everlasting life was surely an "Alleluia" moment – the culmination of a life of loving commitment and service to God and others.

Sister Teresine was born as the seventh of twelve children on January 15, 1914, in Columbus, Ohio, to Stephen and Anna (Kollar) Haban. At her Baptism, she received the name of Eva Rosella.

Musically gifted, Sister Teresine began playing the piano at the age of eight. She probably inherited this gift of music from her father who used some of his earnings to buy various musical instruments for his children. When he purchased a piano at an auction, he learned that his little daughter, Eva, could play it! From that time her parents gave her piano lessons as a birthday gift each year until she graduated from high school.

Sister Teresine attended St. Mary's Grade School and High School. On September 8, 1930, she applied for admission into the postulancy of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate and was accepted. She became a novice on August 12, 1931, and was given her religious name of Teresine. Her religious vocation was a gift from God for her, one that she would cherish her whole life.

In 1942, Sister Teresine received her Bachelor's Degree from the College of St. Francis. She went on to earn a Master's in Music from the Chicago Music College. She pursued her studies in music at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where she was awarded her Doctoral Degree in Music.

Sister Teresine's first ministry was at St. Clement School in Chicago. Later she was assigned to teach music at the College of St. Francis where she remained for 35 years, eleven of which she served as Chair of the Department of Music.

After leaving the College of St. Francis, Sister Teresine felt called to expand her music ministry. She accepted a position in the Music Department at West Chester State College. Because she would live at Immaculata College some eight miles away, she knew she would have to learn to drive. Her determination saw her through the achievement of this goal, and she enjoyed many side trips to the local parks and sites in Pennsylvania.

Alleluia!



Sister M. Teresine Haban, OSF

Sister Teresine's new position at West Chester State was both challenging and rewarding. She wrote: "The challenge became a wonderful source of satisfaction and a very real apostolate, transcending the teaching of music to a witnessing of Catholicity and religious life."

Not only was Sister Teresine a consummate teacher and instructor, she was also the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including a scholarship award for piano study, an appointment as an associate of the American Guild of Organists and Outstanding Educator of America Award. She was active in Liturgical Education for over sixty years and served as lecturer, consultant and editor in the field of Catholic Hymnody. During her ministry she became known as a composer, arranger, performer and adjudicator. To quote one news article: "She reads difficult music on sight much like the ease with which most adults read a newspaper, and transposes with accuracy and speed."

Sister Teresine's greatest priority, though, was her life as a Joliet Franciscan. Despite many of life's challenges, changes and struggles, she loved this Congregation. She loved and cherished what her vocation called her to be and to become. Her example of fidelity and loyalty will remain with us always.

Sister Teresine, as we leave OLA for your final resting place, we take with us our memories of you. We thank you for the gift you have been and are to your Joliet Franciscan Community. May your voice and your music echo through eternity!
Amen. Alleluia!

Sister M. Teresine Haban OSF

January 15, 1914 — April 9, 2010

Born: January 15, 1914
Parents: Stephen and Anna (Kollar) Haban
Postulancy: September 8, 1930
Novitiate: August 12, 1931
First Profession: August 12, 1933
Final Profession: August 12, 1936
Entered New Life: April 9, 2010

Ministry History

1933-1935 Student: College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois
1935-1939 Teacher/Parish Organist: St. Clement, Chicago, Illinois
1939-1940 Student/Private Music Lessons: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1940 –1943 Instructor, Department of Music: College of St. Francis, Joliet and part-time
Student: Chicago Music College, Chicago
1943-1953 Instructor, Department of Music: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1953-1954 Full-time Student: Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York
1954-1974 Professor, Music Department: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1974-1980 Associate Professor of Music: West Chester State College, West Chester,
Pennsylvania
1980-1982 Instructor, Private Music Lessons: Motherhouse, Joliet
1982-1985 Adjunct Professor: College of St. Francis, Joliet
1984-1986 Adjunct Professor: College of St. Francis, Organist: St. Anthony Church, Private
Music Instructions; Motherhouse, Joliet
1986-1999 Organist: St. Anthony Church, Private Music Instructions; Motherhouse, Joliet
1999-2010 Community Service: OLA

Wake: Thursday, April 15, 2010, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Prayer Service: Thursday, April 15, 2010, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, April 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Burial: Friday, April 16, 2010, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection
Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
Interment: Resurrection Cemetery: Section 8, Lot 364, Grave 7
Predeceased by: Her parents, Stephan and Anna (Kollar) Haban; her sisters, Anna Jakob, Mary
Haban and Bernardine Howard; her brothers, Stephen, Joseph, Matthew, Paul,
John and Thomas Haban
Survived by: Her sister Helen Castrop and her brother, Edward Haban

Rest in Peace, Sister Teresine