



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

On Wednesday, January 24, 2018, the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of the deaf, our Sister Patricia McGuckin, affectionately known to family and friends as “Pat,” entered into eternal life. Diminished overtime due to her health condition, she still found ways to smile. With a twinkle in her eye, and a royal wave of her hand, she communicated the joy of the Gospel with gentleness and grace. A true Franciscan, she preached more by example than by words.

Born on September 1, 1933, she came into the world as a twin, a double blessing for her parents, Carolyn (Culik) and Joseph McGuckin. In the company of her three sisters (Mary, Margaret, Maureen) and one brother (Joseph), she was raised in St. Joseph Parish in Joliet, Illinois.

Attracted to the Franciscan way of life, Pat entered the postulancy of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate on September 5, 1949, at the age of 16. One year later, she was admitted to the Novitiate and given the name, Sr. Mary John Francis. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of St. Francis (University of St. Francis) Joliet, Illinois, and certification from the Seraphic Institute of Theology from the College of St. Francis. She furthered her education at Illinois State University in Bloomington, Illinois, with coursework in sign language and deaf education.

On August 12, 1952, she made her first profession of vows and embarked on a lifelong Franciscan journey that involved responding to the “signs of the times” by serving in diverse ministerial settings that included St. Michael in Sigel, Illinois, St. Mary in Des Plaines, Illinois, St. Francis Xavier and St. Francis of Assisi in Chicago, Most Pure Heart of Mary in Shelby and St. Francis de Sales in Toledo, Ohio. In 1971 she began a 13 year ministry of teaching grades 5 and 6 at St. Andrew in Romeoville.

As Sr. Pat grew older, and her hearing diminished and physical condition worsened, she had to

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make adjustments to her life that did not come easily, especially leaving the classroom that she loved so well. Yet, in the spirit of generosity and concern for others, she stayed focused on matters of greater importance and continued to live out her Franciscan vocation by serving others in the measure that she could, by continuing to minister as a teachers’ aide at the Franciscan Learning Center in Joliet from 1989-2007.

Creative in her own way and endowed with a gentle sense of humor and a joy to the Sisters with whom she shared meals at Our Lady of Angels she always had a ready joke and humorous story to tell. Our sister, Pat, endeared herself to those whom she encountered. A quiet and reserved person by nature, she knew better than most, the importance of inclusion, mindfulness, mutual concern and simply being present.

Throughout her life, Sr. Pat gave expression to the virtue of kindness and the importance of recognizing the image and likeness of the Creator in every person we encounter.

Today, as we gather to remember the life of our Sister, Patricia McGuckin, may her legacy inspire us to “Learn to see God in the details of our lives ... for indeed, God is everywhere.” (St. Francis de Sales)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sister Patricia McGuckin, OSF

September 1, 1933— January 24, 2018

<i>Born:</i>	September 1, 1933
<i>Parents:</i>	Joseph and Caroline (Culik) McGuckin
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 5, 1949
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1950
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1955
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	January 24, 2018

Ministry History

1952-1954	Teacher, Grades 3, 4: St. Michael, Sigel, Illinois
1954-1958	Teacher, Grades 4, 5: St. Mary, Des Plaines, Illinois
1958-1962	Teacher, Grades 4, 6, 7: St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, Illinois
1962-1964	Teacher, Grades 7, 8: St. Francis Assisi, Chicago
1964-1965	Teacher, Grade 7: St. Francis de Sales, Toledo, Ohio
1965-1966	Teacher, Grade 6: Most Precious Heart of Mary, Shelby, Ohio
1966-1970	Teacher, Grades 6, 7: St. Francis de Sales, Toledo
1971-1985	Teacher, Grades 5, 6: St. Andrew, Romeoville, Illinois
1985-1986	Participant: Wellsprings, Westmont, Illinois
1986-1987	Resident: Motherhouse, Joliet, Illinois
1987-1989	Student: Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
1989-2011	Teacher Aide, Assistant: Franciscan Learning Center, Joliet
2011-2018	Community Service: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet

<i>Wake:</i>	Monday, January 29, 2018, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Monday, January 29, 2018, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Monday, January 29, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Tuesday, January 30, 2018, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 343, Grave 12, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	By her parents, Joseph and Caroline (Culik) McGuckin, her sister Mary (James, <i>deceased</i>) McAsey, and nephew Robert McGuckin
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her brother Joseph (Theresa, <i>deceased</i>) McGuckin of Bloomington, Illinois, and sisters Sr. Margaret McGuckin, OSF, and Mareen (Walter, <i>deceased</i>) Mueller of Joliet and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins

Rest in Peace, Sister Patricia!