



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

We sat for hours with Anna, her Sisters and her family, awaiting God's call and her response to join God in the peace and joy of eternal life. The heavenly gates opened for her and she responded in the early evening hours of April 17, 2021.

Sister Anna was born to Theresa (Aspan) and Gottfried Konrath on July 26, 1932, and baptized Ann Marie along with her twin brother, Richard, in South Chicago, Illinois. They joined the family of her sister, Dolores, and her brothers Raymond, Julius and Fred.

Anna graduated from St. Theodore Grade School and chose to attend Sacred Heart High School in Englewood. While attending Sacred Heart she met the Joliet Franciscan Sisters. Responding to God's call to join them in religious life, she entered the life of the congregation on September 4, 1950, as a Postulant along with Betty Stockover, whom she had met at Sacred Heart. She made first Profession of Vows on August 12, 1953, and received the name of Sister Jeremy. She made Final Vows on August 13, 1956, and celebrated her 25th, 50th and 60th Jubilees with her happy classmates.

Sister Anna received a bachelor's degree in the area of mathematics from the College of St. Francis (now University of St. Francis) in Joliet, Illinois. She also attended Rosary College, Mundelein, and Triton Community Colleges, earning required hours in the field of dietetics.

Sister Anna began her ministry in the field of elementary education in 1953 at St. Paul the Apostle grade school where she taught second grade. For thirteen years Anna taught in several schools in the area including St. Rita of Cascia in Aurora and St. Mary in Plainfield. In 1962 she went to Muskegon, Michigan, where she taught grades 3, 4 and 5. Her final elementary teaching position took her back to her beginning – Sacred Heart School, Englewood.

Alleluia!



Sister Anna Konrath, OSF

With the opening of Our Lady of Angels, she asked to study to be a registered dietician and in 1982 became the coordinator and dietician of the Evanston School District 65, a position she held for 10 years.

Being the lively, creative and independent woman that she was, she also worked and played in a variety of other ways including dog sitting and bowling.

In 1998, Anna became a resident care volunteer for our Sisters and residents at Our Lady of Angels, where she brought much joy. Being the lively and creative Anna, she always was looking for ways to reach out to people. She added outreach to our Sisters and the broader community from 2010 to her death by her many recycled greeting cards from the various years in ministry. "Truly, I tell you, whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me (Matt. 25:40)"

Throughout life she was very close to her family and her family was with her right to the end. Because of the large number of family and friends, an additional committal prayer service was held for her after the Sisters' service on April 21.

Sister Anna, we thank you for your fidelity to God's call that you first heard at Sacred Heart Englewood and for your faithful service to God's people over these many years. Alleluia!

Sister Anna Konrath, OSF

July 26, 1932 — April 17, 2021

<i>Born:</i>	July 26, 1932
<i>Parents:</i>	Gottfried A. Konrath and Theresa Aspan
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 4, 1950
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1951
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1953
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1956
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	April 17, 2021

Ministry History

1953-1957	Teacher: Grade 2, St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet, Illinois
1957-1958	Teacher: Grade 1, St. Rita, Aurora, Illinois
1958-1959	Teacher: Grade 3, St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, Illinois
1959-1960	Teacher: Grade 2, St. John the Baptist, Joliet
1960-1961	Teacher: Grades 2 and 3, St. Mary, Plainfield, Illinois
1961-1962	Domestic work, teacher, Assistant dietician: Our Lady of Angels, St. Francis Convent, Guardian Angel Home, Joliet
1962-1965	Teacher: Grades 3, 4, 5, Our Lady of Grace, Muskegon, Michigan
1965-1966	Teacher: Grade 3, Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago
1966-1969	Diet Kitchen: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
1969-1973	Dietitian: Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park, Illinois
1973-1975	Dietitian: Brookwood, Des Plaines, Illinois
1975-1976	Student: Triton College, River Grove, Illinois
1976-1977	Student: Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois
1977-1978	Bookkeeper: Don's Union 76, Norridge, Illinois
1978	Director Food/Diets: Plaza Nursing Home, Niles, Illinois
1978-1979	Director Food/Diets: Parkwood Nursing Home, Highwood, Illinois
1979	Bookkeeper: Don's Union 76, Norridge, Illinois
1979-1980	Director Food/Diets: Oakton Pavillion Nursing Home, Des Plaines, Illinois
1980-1981	Director Food/Diets: Norwood Park, Norwood Park, Illinois
1981-1982	Housekeeping Supervisor: Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois
1982-1992	Coordinator/Dietitian: Evanston School District 65, Evanston, Illinois
1992-1994	Assistant Tutor/Government Lunch Program: Holy Family/St. Francis School, Bayfield, Wisconsin
1994-1997	Clerk: J and J Sports Store, Joliet
1997-1998	General Help: J and J Sports Store, Joliet
1998-2002	Volunteer: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
2002-2010	Residents Care Volunteer: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
2010-2020	Outreach: Sisters and Community

<i>Burial:</i>	Wednesday, April 21, 2021, Prayer, Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
<i>Interment:</i>	Plot 344, Grave 9
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, Gottfried A. Konrath and Theresa Aspan; her brothers Julius and Fred and her sister, Dolores
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her twin brother, Richard; her brother Raymond and numerous nephews and nieces in the Chicago area

Rest in Peace, Sister Anna!