



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

Florence Wand was introduced to the Joliet Franciscans early in her life. Her father's sister, Sister Raphael Wand, was a member of the Congregation. Florence would come to Joliet with her family to visit Sister. As the years progressed, she felt a calling to religious life. Her cousin Angela Corinne Hoebing, who was one year older than she, became an aspirant in 1940. The following year after completing 8th grade at St. Anthony Parish, Florence came with her cousin to Joliet to also be an aspirant. With the other aspirants she attended St. Francis Academy.

On September 7, 1943, Florence made the trip from Quincy, Illinois, to Joliet but this time it was to become a postulant. On August 12, 1944, she became a novice receiving the name of Sister Clarissa. Her love and devotion to St. Clare of Assisi prompted her in the 1970s to shorten her name to Sister Clare.

Sister Clarissa knew that even though she had entered a community that had a ministry in the field of education, she did not wish to continue her education and become a teacher. She saw her role in the community as one of service to her sisters. Trained in the culinary arts, Sister Clare ministered to her sisters in various convents in both Ohio and Illinois. Besides cooking and setting a beautiful table for the Sisters to come for meals, she also made sure that the convent was a home for all. She would show her expertise with the sewing machine by mending habits and making coifs for the Sisters who lived with her. She made sure the house and the Sisters clothes were clean. Though she appeared to be a silent worker behind the scenes, she was also an active participant in both the parish and the school.

In 1956 she was assigned to St. Ann Parish in Lansing. Here she learned the skills to not only run the "seatwork" on the large printing press but she also how to put the press back in operation when it broke down. Her attention to her duties provided materials in English, Arithmetic and Writing Skills for all the grade schools operated by the community.

In 1968 she did become a teacher. While ministering at the then St. Francis Academy, she was asked if she would be willing to use her skills as a seamstress, baker and homemaker to teach Home Arts to the some of the girls at St. Francis Academy. Her ministry at SFA widened as the years progressed. She began doing clerical work at the front office. Using the skills she had learned at St. Ann's, she directed the duplicating department at JCA and also served as Registrar.

Alleluia!



Sister Clare Wand, OSF

She managed the Book Store and was a main stay at the weekly Bingo.

In 1999 she ministered as a volunteer at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. Working with the older Sisters she learned how to care for the sick and the elderly. In 2003 she and her good friend, Sister Thadine Kaminski, moved to Quincy, Illinois to take up residence and provide ministry: Sister Thadine in domestic service and Sister Clare in caring for her family. Many of her family members were afflicted with Huntington's disease and relied upon Sister Clare's loving help in the later stages of the disease.

In 2012 Sister Clare, suffering from the same disease, realized that the time to move back to Joliet was drawing close. She moved into Our Lady of Angels as a resident but continued to minister in her own unique way. Though suffering very much physically, she kept her cheerful spirit. Her quick wit soon had the nurses and aides laughing and her teasing would bring them up short until they saw the smile on her face. Then they realized that she had gotten one over on them and would join her in laughter.

Her ten years of quiet suffering at OLA were years of showing her sisters and guests the meaning of "suffering in silence." Never complaining, she met each day with a smile. Her friend Sister Thadine came every day to walk with her on this painful journey. Clare loved to sing and would look up at Sister Thadine and start singing, "I love you a bushel and a peck." Perhaps those were the words that she heard from the Heavenly Throne as she completed her journey of life on November 8, 2020.

Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Sister Clare Wand, OSF

October 1, 1927 — November 8, 2020

<i>Born:</i>	October 1, 1927
<i>Parents:</i>	Maurice Wand and Clara Hoebing
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 7, 1943
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1944
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1946
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 12, 1949
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	November 8, 2020

Ministry History

1946-1947	Domestic Worker: St. Raymond, Joliet, Illinois
1947-1948	Domestic Worker: St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, Illinois
1948-1950	Domestic Worker: Sacred Heart, Englewood, Illinois
1950-1951	Domestic Worker: St. Clement, Chicago, Illinois
1951-1954	Domestic Worker: Ss. Peter and Paul, Chicago
1954-1956	Kitchen Worker: St. Francis Convent, Joliet, Illinois
1956-1961	Domestic Worker, Seatwork: St. Ann, Lansing, Illinois
1961-1964	Bakery Worker: College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois
1964-1967	Domestic Worker: St. Peter, Mansfield, Ohio
1967-1968	Nurses Aide: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, Illinois
1968-1969	Home Arts: St. Francis Academy, Joliet, Illinois
1969-1970	Goldblatts Worker, Joliet, Illinois
1970-1972	Seamstress: Motherhouse, Joliet, Illinois
1972-1976	Clerical Assistant: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1976-1977	AV Director/Duplicating Department: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1977-1979	Clerical Assistant: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1979-1982	Registrar: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1982	Participant: St. Luke Institute, Holliston, Massachusetts
1983-1990	Clerical Worker: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1990-1999	Clerical Assistant: Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet
1999-2002	Volunteer: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet
2002-2012	Family Ministry: Quincy, Illinois
2012-2019	Community Service: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet
2019-2021	Prayer Ministry: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet

<i>Burial:</i>	Friday, November 13, 2020, Prayer, Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
<i>Interment:</i>	Plot 343, Grave 7
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, Maurice Wand and Clara Hoebing; brothers, Henry, Joseph and Sam; and her sisters, Margaret Klauser, Theresa Halfpap, Rita Dreier and Helen Freidhoff
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sisters, Ruth Wand and Pauline Uppinghouse

Rest in Peace, Sister Clare!