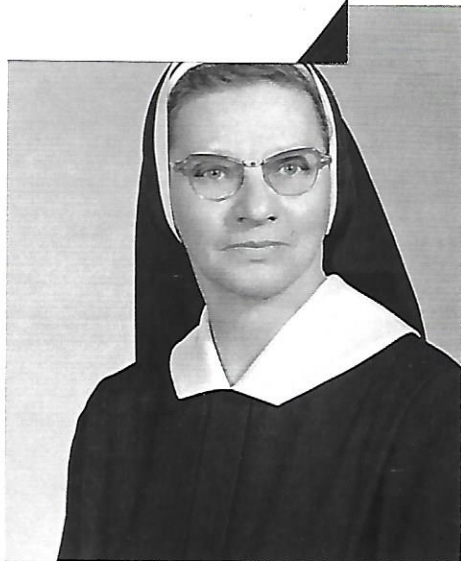


Sister M. Innocenta Palonis
January 28, 1913 – August 14, 1975



Secular Name: Mary Rosella (Rosie)
Entrance: September 4, 1928
Place of Birth: Ocean City, Maryland/Pittsburgh
Parents: William and Dominica
Siblings: William, Michael, James, Eva

Elementary School: St. Joseph School to 6th grade
High School: St. Francis Academy Prep

Higher Education: Duquesne University
Degrees: Bachelor in Music
Masters in Education, Certified in
Music, Library and French

Ministry:

Mary Rosella (Rosie) was the youngest of a large family. Her niece, Dominica (Sister M. DeSales) was her school mate and constant companion. She and Sister DeSales were part of a large group of postulants that joined the community together and enjoyed the newly erected motherhouse.

She taught for 3 years in the elementary grades in Grand Rapids and Hartford. She then taught the Academy girls for 19 years from 1952-59. Sister served as Principal and Local Superior at Holy Trinity in Hartford, CT.

Sister Innocenta was elected to the General Council in 1962 and held the post of Community Supervisor for the ensuing term. She spent 4 years as the Head of the French Department at South Catholic High in Hartford, Ct. After becoming very ill in 1972, she returned to the Motherhouse where she remained as a Minister of Prayer until her death in 1975.

“My spirit rejoices in God, my savior.”