

***Sister M. Vincentia Apton***  
***December 24, 1911-September 7, 1975***



***Secular Name:*** Eva  
***Entrance:*** September 8, 1929  
***Place of Birth:*** Montreal, Canada/Rochester, NY  
***Parents:*** Vincent and Anna  
***Siblings:*** Margaret, Jim, Steve, Dave, Bill, Virginia, Lucy, Ana, Valeria, Julia, Betty, Albin and John

***Elementary School:*** St. Mary School in Medina, NY  
***High School:*** St. Francis Academy, Pgh., PA

***Higher Education:*** Duquesne University  
***Degrees:*** Bachelor in Education

***Ministry:***

Some time after her birth in Montreal, Canada, the family settled in Rochester, New York. She became a USA citizen in 1927 and received a certificate of citizenship in 1946. Her missions were many and scattered from the Atlantic in New York to the Pacific in Los Angeles. In East St. Louis, she served as Principal/Superior for 6 years while teaching 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in a contained classroom at the same time.

In the 1960's, she was instrumental in launching a program of physical fitness among schools staffed by our community. She was commissioned to expand the program to incorporate the needs of all Diocesan Schools in the Pittsburgh Diocese.

In September of 1973, Sister was diagnosed with cancer. Although she rallied after radical surgery, she was hospitalized for additional treatment of cancer. After exhausting all known medical treatments, Sister was discharged from the hospital and returned to the Motherhouse on July 6, 1975. She remained in the Infirmary until her death on September 7, 1975—on the Eve of the Nativity of the BVM, the Feast on which she made her first step into religious life 46 years before.

***“A Woman for All Seasons”***