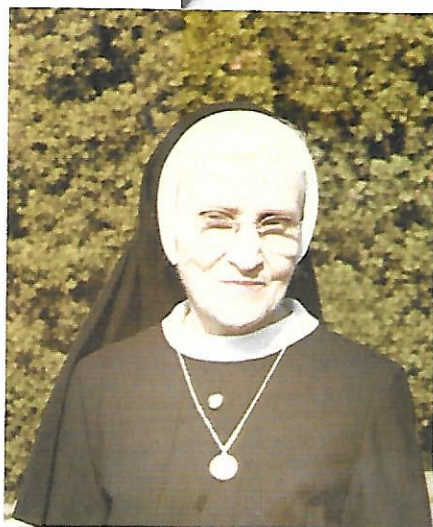


Sister M. Gertrude Rodgers
July 30, 1899- November 2, 1984



Secular Name: Adella
Entrance: March 9, 1914 (CSFN)
August 2, 1922 (OSF)
Place of Birth: Lithuania/Pittsburgh
Parents: Alexander and Marcella
Siblings: Joseph, John, Edward, Mary,
Helen, Constance

Elementary School: St. Casimir
High School: St. Casimir

Higher Education: Duquesne University, Pgh, PA
Degrees: Bachelor of Education
Master of Education

Ministry:
Adella began her religious life as a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family in DesPlaines, Illinois where she bore the name of Sister Humilia. After 11 years in the Holy Family Community, she became one of the pioneer sisters who established our new community.

She taught in schools in Hartford, CT; and Grand Rapids, MI. She spent 17 years as Mistress of Novices. Sister Gertrude travelled to Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1944, learning Portuguese and served as the Superior in Brazil for 6 years. She then served in the role of General Superior for a period of 6 years also.

Her major achievement was the work she devoted to receiving the approval of the Constitution of 1968 as well as the granting of the community of Pontifical status. A new 1968 addition to the Motherhouse was built during her time in office and the introduction of our Sisters to Bishop John Neumann which in her time eventuated in his beatification in Rome. She taught at the St. Francis Academy until the age of 72 she retired from teaching and took on the general duties of prayer and patient visitor.

“May she keep His Peace and Joy and His all encompassing Love.”