

Sister M. Gabrielle Maze
February 2, 1906 – November 2, 1994

Secular Name: Mary
Entrance: 1920 (CSFN)
March 27, 1922 (OSF)
Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois
Parents: Anthony & Mary Mazelauskas
Siblings: Francis, Bernice, Albin, Emily,
Anthony, Victor, Stephanie,
Josephine, Sylvia
Elementary School: St. George, Chicago, Illinois
High School: Duquesne High, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Higher Education: Duquesne University, Pgh., PA
University of Pgh, Pgh., PA
Degrees: Bachelor of Science, Master of
Science and Ph.D.



Ministry: Known as Sister M. Noreen as an CSFN, Sister Gabrielle was the last of the courageous women who left the Holy Family of Nazareth Sisters to pioneer a new religious Franciscan community. Thus began an outstanding career as an educator and leader in the field of science. Her curriculum vitae covered five pages of accomplishments, awards, memberships and publications. In our community, Sister served as teacher, Principal in Pittsburgh and Hartford and as a Community Council. She was very active in the Pittsburgh Diocesan Science and Math Teachers Association, chairing the Biology section and later serving as its Vice-President and President.

In the early '60's, Sister served as Director-at-Large and as Vice-President of the National Science Teachers Association. A member of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science, she served as its President in the early '80's. She dedicated her time and gifts to the thousands of students and teachers who were interested in science. She pioneered the annual Science Institute which involved the presentation and judging of literally thousands of student projects.

In Recognition for her service she received the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers. The PA Science Teachers Association acclaimed her an Outstanding Science Teacher. She also received the Bishop Wright Award, the Distinguished Alumnae Award for Duquesne University and was listed as one of the members of the Century Club, honoring outstanding graduates.

“God’s holy hand has raised me up.”