

Sister M. Francesca Walls (Walutis)
January 17, 1910 - December 8, 1999



Secular Name: Leona Eugenia
Entered: August 5, 1926
Place of Birth: DuBois, Pennsylvania
Parents: Frank Walutakevich and Petronella Kutskel
Siblings: 3 brothers and 2 sisters
Elementary School: So.Ave.School, DuBois
St. George, Detroit MI
High School: St. Francis Prep., Millvale
Higher Education: Duquesne Univ., Pgh.
Seton Hill, Greensburg
Degrees: B Ed.-Public Sch Music
Masters in. Education
Certificate Home Ed.

Ministry:

Leona Eugenia was born in DuBois, PA, the second daughter of Petronella and Frank Walutkavich. The youngest member of the family was Antoinette, known to all of the community as Sister Alverna.

While studying at Duquesne she received degrees in Public School Music with a Major in voice and a minor in piano. Her graduate work was mostly in the fields of foods and clothing.

Sister Francesca was a very talented, busy and involved woman. She collaborated closely with the Knights of Lithuania in their efforts to promote Lithuanian culture. She was often featured in local as well as Lithuanian publications and received many awards and citations over the years.

Sister Francesca's teaching career spanned 36 years, four states and eleven cities, teaching Junior High as well as High School For three of her teaching years, she also served as Principal at the same time. She was appointed Treasurer of her community in 1956 where she served capably for six years. Although she retired from active ministry in 1982, she continued to serve her community in many capacities.

She returned to the Lord on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1999 where she raises her voice in song before the God of Life.

"I will sing the wonders of your love forever, Yahweh."

-Psalm 89