

Sister M. DeSales Jagmin
November 25, 1912 - February 2, 2000



Secular Name: Dominica
Entered: September 30, 1928
Place of Birth: Midland, Maryland
Parents: Appolinary and Eva Palonis
Siblings: 2 brothers and 2 sisters
Elementary School: St. Casimir School, Pgh
High School: Duquesne High,
St. Francis Academy
Higher Education: Aquinas, Grand Rapids, MI
Duquesne & Carlow College
Pittsburgh, PA
Degrees: B. in Music; Ms. in Music
Certificate of Theology

Ministry:

Shortly after her birth in Midland, Michigan (A Coal mining town where many immigrants found work), Sister DeSales and her family moved to Pittsburgh and settled in the Southside and were members of St. Casimir Church. Her elementary schooling took place at St. Casimir School, where she would return later as a teacher. Her secondary education took place at Duquesne Normal School and St. Francis Academy. During her college and graduate work, she was given numerous awards for her excellence as a teacher as well as a musician.

Sister DeSales teaching career was long and challenging including teaching in 14 different schools. For 30 years she taught double and triple grades almost exclusively. During this time, in addition to teaching her beloved music, she also served as a Church Organist for four years.

In 1981 she returned to the motherhouse and continued teaching music privately until 1991.

During her final years, though she couldn't speak she remained alert and bright, continuing to respond when she heard music by "directing".

She returned peacefully to the Lord on the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas Day).

***"Now Master, You may let your servant go in peace,
according to your word."***