

Sister M. Clare Patakis
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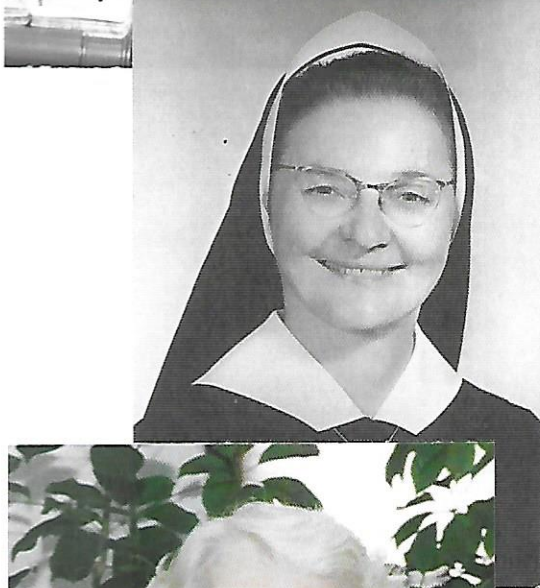
Secular Name: Ella Patakis
Birth Place: Elizabeth, NJ
Entered: September 8, 1925
Parents: Joseph Patakis and Mary Sakaliute
Siblings: Joseph, Mary, Adolph, Matilda,
Florence, and Richard
Elementary School: St. Patrick, Elizabeth., NJ
High School: 2-year business school
Duquesne Prep; St. Francis Academy
Higher Education: Duquesne University
Degrees: B.A. and M.A.
Certification: High School Teacher; Hospital
Administration; School Supervision

Ministry:

Sister M. Clare began her first year in the convent by teaching the 4th grade at St. Casimir's School in Pittsburgh.. After her novitiate year, 1927-36, she spent 9 years teaching junior high students--2 years in Mahanoy City, PA; 2 years in Grand Rapids, MI; and 5 years in Hartford, CT. In 1937 she became a high school teacher at St. Francis Academy and taught there 5 years. She was also Mistress of Prep Girls. This was followed by 2 years as principal of St. Joseph School in DuBois, PA.

In 1944 Sister Clare became the School Supervisor for our congregation. She served in this capacity for 6 years. In 1950 she was assigned to be the administrator of our Good Samaritan Hospital, and during her term the new Good Samaritan Hospital was built. After 15 years as hospital administrator, in 1965 Sister came back to the motherhouse to minister as local superior for 1 year, then assisting in the business office for 2 years, and teaching at SFA for 1 year. In 1969-81 she was Motherhouse Coordinator for 9 years, and Infirmary Coordinator for the next 3 years.

From 1981 and on, Sister M. Clare was engaged in Motherhouse services and becoming involved in infirmary patient care and the role of patient visitor. In 1996 and until her death, the Apostolate of Prayer became her main focus. In all her endeavors, all her ministries, Sister M. Clare translated her energies of soul, mind, and body into loving, caring, enthusiastic service to God, to her congregation, and to the people of God.



***“Go forward securely, joyfully, and swiftly...
in pursuit of that perfection
to which the Spirit of the Lord has called you.”*** (Second Letter of St. Clare)