

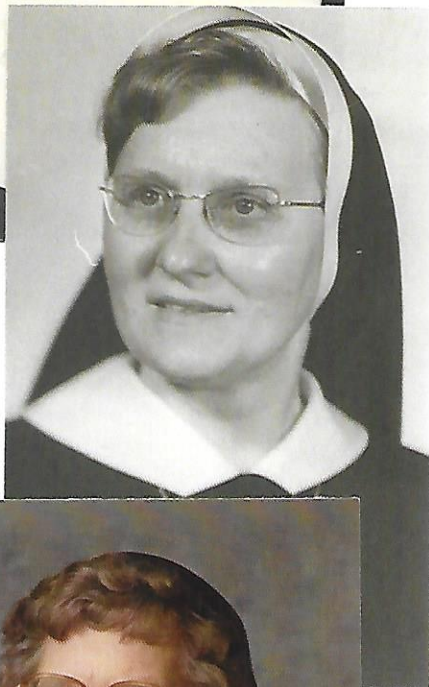
*Sister M. Clarita Kadis*  
*June 6, 1917 - January 14, 2004*



*Secular Name:* Anne Kadis  
*Birth Place:* Hartford, CT  
*Entered:* September 8, 1935  
*Parents:* William Kadis and Apolonia Bartkus  
*Siblings:* Mary, Helena, Sophie, Agnes, Frank  
*Elementary School:* Holy Trinity, Hartford, CT  
*High School:* St. Francis Academy, Whitehall  
*Higher Education:* Duquesne U., Pittsburgh  
U. of Dayton in Ohio  
*Degrees:* B.Ed. and M.Ed.  
*Certification:* Elem & Sec. Grades; Principal

*Ministry:*

Sister M. Clarita's teaching career spanned 54 years and 10 different schools: St. Casimir, Pittsburgh, PA, 1936-38; St. Vincent de Paul, Esplen, PA, 1938-41 and 1944-49; SS Peter & Paul, Elizabeth, NJ, 1941-44; St. Joseph's, Mahanoy City, PA, 1949-57; St. George, Cleveland, OH, 1957-59; St. Valentine, Bethel Park, PA, 1959-60; St. Francis Academy, Whitehall, PA, 1960-68; back to St. Casimir's 1968-69; St. Adalbert, Pittsburgh, PA, 1969-71; Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny, NJ, 1971-89, as principal and sometimes teacher; and in 1989-90 she was a substitute teacher in the Hartford area. In 1990 Sister Clarita accepted a part time position at Mt. St. Peter school in New Kensington, PA, monitoring students at computers.



Sister Clarita offered her services to the motherhouse community in 1991 as a driver. After 6 years, she felt a call to return to parish ministry. She went to live in Grand Rapids, MI, in 1996 where she served as a Parish Minister for almost 7 years. While there, she generously visited shut-ins, the elderly, and anyone with a need. She and Sister Francis Gribus regularly visited about 23 nursing homes in the area.



Sister Margaret Carney, a former General Superior of our congregation, in 1991 wrote about Sister M. Clarita; "Sister Clarita, throughout her years of ministry, has been a beloved teacher and friend to many, many people whose lives she has touched. She has an enormous capacity for sensitivity to 'little people.' She has always manifested a great desire to be of service to the poor and had been content to work in schools and situations that were full to overflowing with inconvenience, stress, and lack of personal prestige and recognition."

*"Christ has no body now on earth but yours; yours are the only hands with which he can do his work; yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world; yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth upon a troubled world."*

(St. Teresa of Avila)