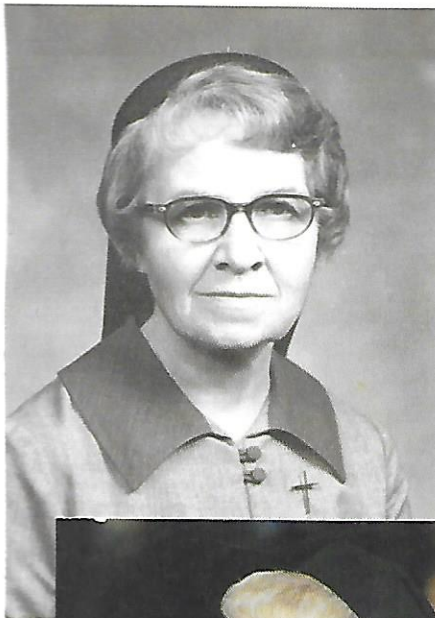


*Sister M. Imelda Tosh*  
*November 19, 1906 - February 8, 2004*



*Secular Name:* Anna Lucy Ptashnik  
*Birth Place:* Mahanoy City, PA  
*Entered:* December 3, 1924  
*Parents:* Helen Burokas; George Ptashnik  
*Siblings:* Sabina, Annette, Helen, and  
our Sister Agnes Elizabeth Tosh  
*Elementary School:* Mahanoy City, PA  
*High School:* St. Francis Academy, Whitehall  
*Higher Education:* Grand Rapids Jr. College;  
Fordham U. Teachers College, NYC;  
Cath. U. of America, Washington, DC;  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Degrees:* B. Ed. and M. Ed., Duquesne, U.  
*Certification:* Elementary Grades; High School  
English; Business Subjects; Social Studies

*Ministry:*

In her first year at the convent, 1924-25, Sister M. Imelda taught Grade 3 at St. Casimir's in Pittsburgh. Then, in 1926-35, she taught in Grades 7, 8, 9, or 10 in Holy Trinity, Hartford, CT; SS Peter and Paul, Elizabeth, NJ; SS Peter and Paul, Grand Rapids, MI; and St. Anthony, Detroit, MI.

In 1935 Sister Imelda and Sister Felicia were chosen to go to Kaunas, Lithuania, to study and also to begin a ministry to young girls. At the end of three years, they returned. In 1938-51 Sister M. Imelda was assigned to St. Francis Academy where she taught business courses on the high school level, and was also Mistress of Prep Girls two years during that time.

1951-58 found Sister Imelda ministering in Grades 7 and 8 at St. Peter School in Kenosha, WI. One year back to SS Peter & Paul in Elizabeth, NJ, and two years in SS Peter & Paul School in Grand Rapids, MI, completed her elementary teaching experience.

St. Francis Academy needed her expertise in teaching and in administration. She was vice-principal in 1965-70 and teacher until 1974, when her educational ministry came to an end and she began a series of community services that included work in the business office, performance of secretarial services, receptionist duties, the responsibilities as a clerical aide, and driving. Her hobby was making beautiful Afghans as gifts to benefactors and family friends or as raffle prizes for raising funds.

*"I turn to you, O God my strength, for you are my stronghold."*  
(Psalm 59)