

Sister M. Leonard Peskus
July 25, 1916 – July 5, 2004



Secular Name: Leonarda Peskus
Entered: September 15, 1934
Place of Birth: Elizabeth, New Jersey
Parents: Michael & Agnes(Patalkis)Peskus
Siblings: 1 sister and 5 brothers

Elementary School: St. Peter & Paul, Elizabeth NJ
High School: St. Francis Academy

Higher Education: St. Francis Hospital
Degrees: Radiological Technologist

Ministry:

Sister Leonard began her ministry as a teacher in the elementary grades in 1936. In 1939 she assumed a new career by studying to become an x-ray technician. After achieving this goal, her years of ministry were devoted to the health field. Her hospital ministry ended in 1990 when she returned to Pittsburgh for hip surgery. She was sadly missed by her scores of friends and business associates in the Mt. Vernon area. She then began her years of ministry of prayer

While celebrating her Golden Jubilee in 1984 in an effort to encapsulate her fifty years of service she wrote, "I hope people see the kindness and gentleness of Christ in me." For seventy years, Sister Leonard clung to the ideal of Franciscan living for love.

*"I will extol you, my God and king:
I will bless your name forever." – Ps. 145:1*