

Sister Mary Louis Kvederis
June 3, 1929 - January 6, 2004



Secular Name: Florence Pauline Kvederis
Birth Place: Pittsburgh, PA
Entered: January 31, 1949
Parents: John Kvederis and Anna Trauska
Siblings: Dorothy Horne and John Kvederis
Elementary School: St. Catherine, Beechview
High School: St. Francis Academy, Whitehall
Higher Education: Mt. Mercy College, Pgh;
Duquesne Univ., Pgh.; Notre Dame
Univ., IN; St. John College, OH
Degrees: B.Ed. and M.Ed.
Certifications: All grades; English; French;
School Administration

Ministry:

In her 55 years of religious commitment, Sister Mary Louis served 7 years (1950-57) teaching in Grades 3 or 4, or a combination of both. She started her teaching ministry at St. George School in Cleveland, OH. From there she went to Mt. St. Peter School in New Kensington, PA, and then to Holy Trinity in Hartford, CT.

In 1957 Sister Mary Louis made her debut in secondary school education at St. Francis Academy, in Whitehall, PA. After 8 years, she was assigned to South Catholic High in Hartford, CT, where she taught for 5 years. In 1970 Sister was called back to St. Francis Academy as teacher for 3 more years and then as principal for 7 years.

Sister Mary Louis was elected to leadership as Temporalities Councilor in 1980 and served the congregation in that capacity for 8 years. In 1988-93 she performed invaluable service as Buildings and Grounds Supervisor. In 1993 Sister spent a sabbatical year ministering to her sister Dorothy who had suffered a stroke.

Following her sabbatical, Sister assisted in the Archives Department until in 1996 the Sisters elected her again to the leadership team as General Councilor. After a 4-year term, she was active and effective under titles like: Moderator for the Pittsburgh Auxiliary; Promoter of the SFA Alumnae Association; Community Transportation Coordinator, sometimes Driver, and last, but not least, Manager of the Activities Building.

Whatever ministry Sister Mary Louis pursued, it was remarkable how well she prepared herself spiritually and intellectually for her ministry assignments by attending workshops, consulting experts, and seeking guidance to the right channels that would be beneficial to the congregation and to the Church. Her quiet, gentle personality was a plus for developing positive human relations and lasting friendships.

*"The light Shines in the darkness, and the
darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5)*