

Sister M. Virginia Pask

May 9, 1912 - December 22, 2007



Baptismal Name: Veronica Mary
Place of Birth: Homestead Pa
Parents: Stephen & Antoinette Paskevicius
Siblings: Anna, Beatrice, Algird and Dolores
Date of Entrance: September 13, 1928
Education: Duquesne University, Bachelor of Education; Master of Science; Master of Arts

Ministry:

Sister Virginia was strong in whatever she did. She provided leadership at a time when those who were faint of heart did not survive. She was an educator, a counselor, a leader, life-long spiritual learner and a friend to all.

Her ministries included: Thirty-three years as teacher, six years as principal, six years as Assistant General Superior and Local Coordinator of the Motherhouse, twelve years as General Superior, ten years as Director of St. Clare Hall, ten years as Library Assistant and five years in Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Virginia was the historical leader for our congregation during the years around and following the 2nd Vatican Council. She steered the congregation through the multiple changes required to implement the directives of that Vatican Council.

Gentle of speech and stately of bearing, Sister Virginia always treated everyone with dignity, respect and compassion. She was one of the most profoundly respected Sisters in the congregation. Sister Virginia dealt with changes in colors and length of habit, veils and non-veils, the return to baptismal names and the changes in the daily honorarium and mitigation days. She enrolled the Sisters in Social Security and inaugurated a small pension through an insurance company for those reaching the age of 70. She inaugurated the RTR Tutoring Center as a new Ministry for retired Sisters.

During her final days as a Minister of Prayer, Sister Virginia continued to be a gracious religious woman.

***"You are wisdom; You are inner peace, You are our hope,
You are all our riches, You are enough for us;
You are eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord, God
almighty, Merciful Savior. (St. Francis of Assisi)***