

Sister Maria Rainaldi
August 8, 1931 – August 9, 2009



Secular Name: Mary Janice
Entrance: September 7, 1949
Place of Birth: Pittsburgh PA
Parents: Americo and Adelaide
Siblings: Dorothy and Bill
Elementary School: St. Bernard's
High School: St. Francis Academy
Higher Education: Mt. Mercy College
Bachelor of Arts
Notre Dame
Master of Fine Arts
Wright State Univ.
M.A. Art Therapy

Ministry:

Sister Maria's first assignment was that of teaching second and third grade in Los Angeles, CA and in Bethel Park, PA. In 1959 she was assigned to teach art at Canevin High School in Pittsburgh and then at St. Francis Academy.

In 1981 she left the classroom to pursue Art Therapy studies full time. From 1984 to 2004 Sister Maria worked as an Art therapist in Clearwater, FL, Louisville, KY and at Presbyterian Senior Care in Washington, PA.

In 1995 she accepted the additional role of Director of Associate Members of the Sisters of St. Francis – a responsibility she took very seriously. Sister Maria also accepted the Directorship of the Tri-Diocesan Associates Program. She dedicated much time and effort in seeing that this program flourished.

One of the responsibilities that Sister Maria held dear to her heart was the preparation of the bulletin board or table used in the wake room before a departed Sister's funeral. She lovingly and devotedly always made each Sister's remembrance board a thing of beauty.

"You are wonderful in all your works, O God."