

Sister Magdalen Abluz
March 11, 1917 - September 9, 2011



Secular Name: Juliana

Entrance: July 5, 1943

Place of birth: Harrison, New Jersey

Parents: Casimir and Ludvise Abluz

Siblings: Casimir, Alphonsus, John, Veronica, Joseph

Elementary Education: Elementary school,
Lithuania

Ministry:

Sister Magdalen's entire life was dedicated to the art of cooking, baking and producing culinary delights. Most of her assignments were at the Motherhouse kitchen, St. Francis Academy and in various convent kitchens in Michigan, New Jersey and California. During the years spent in these places she created relationships that remained constant through the years. She was especially fond of children. They, in turn, sensed and responded to something very special in her.

In 1999 Sister Magdalen was diagnosed with a very serious health condition and told that she would not live longer than a year. Against all odds, she rallied and went on to live for twelve more years. During those years she continued to generously contribute to the community by cooking special things for the Sisters (that only she could make), crocheting and prayer. Her most constant prayer was one of gratitude to God for a longer life than she had expected and for being able to serve for so many years.

Sister Magdalen was a gentle, quiet woman with a wonderful smile and a remarkable attitude toward life. She never declined any challenge that was put before her. She was always gracious and always so grateful for the simple, the ordinary, the daily miracles of life.



*"I give you thanks, O God; with my whole heart I sing your
praise."*