

Sister Mary Augusta Skulis
January 7, 1926 – July 28, 2013



Secular Name: Frances
Entrance Date: July 5, 1943
Place of Birth: Hamtramck, Michigan
Parents: Ignatius and Anna
Siblings: John, Stanley, Bertha
Elementary School: St. George, Detroit, MI
Higher Education: B. A. in Education, Duquesne University; M.A. Ed, University of Detroit



Ministry:

Sister Augusta was a primary teacher for fifty-two years at the schools where the community served, including St. Gabriel for sixteen years, St. Valentine and James Lavelle in the Pittsburgh area. After retiring from teaching she served in the Franciscan Spirit and Life Center for several years and then as sacristan at the Motherhouse from 2002 until her health declined.

Sister Augusta was an excellent, loving and delightful teacher. In 1993 she was honored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh with the Golden Apple Award, given for excellence in teaching. Many parents, over the years, have credited her with their children's ongoing success. She taught them to read and to remember wonderful stories and songs from their first year of school. Those who were privileged to be her students refer to her as their favorite teacher.



Sister Augusta was a fun-loving woman with a great sense of humor. Stories of that humor abound. She also possessed a lovely singing voice. Over the years she gifted the Sisters with her beautiful renditions of the psalms during Liturgical celebrations. She was also a very prayerful woman.

We give thanks for her humor, her wonderful smile, her ability to make people laugh as well as for her dedication and her service.

***“Let the children come to me and do not hinder them.
It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”***