

Sister M. Concepta Tuzik

November 3, 1919 – May 12, 2014



Secular Name: Mary Barbara
Entrance: October 15, 1940
Birth: East Vandergrift, PA
Parents: Walter and Anna Tuzik
Siblings: Walter, Ann
Elementary School: East Vandergrift Public School
High School: St. Francis Academy, Pittsburgh, PA
Higher Education: B.S. Education, Duquesne

Ministry:

Sister Concepta spent 45 years as a primary grade teacher, with assignments taking her from Rochester, NY, to Los Angeles, CA, and places in between. Sister was known as a creative teacher, beloved by her students and parents alike. She was a vital asset, no matter in which school she taught.

Sister's teaching ministry was interrupted in 1972 when she was asked to return to the motherhouse to work as the Infirmarian and Assistant Coordinator for two years. Later, she graciously accepted the position of manager for three years at our St. Clare Residence which had been renovated to provide apartments for senior women. She then returned to teaching for another 15 years in Pittsburgh-area schools.

Sister Concepta also shared many other gifts including tating on handkerchiefs and doilies. She was also an excellent cook, with home-made soups a specialty. Always busy, if you didn't find her teaching, tating or cooking, you would find her in her garden.

Upon entering the Ministry of Prayer, Sister became involved in the Community Life Program, looking forward to each and every get-together. With her outgoing personality, she was among the most popular attendees. Sister always said, "This is where I have fun!"

*Yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.*