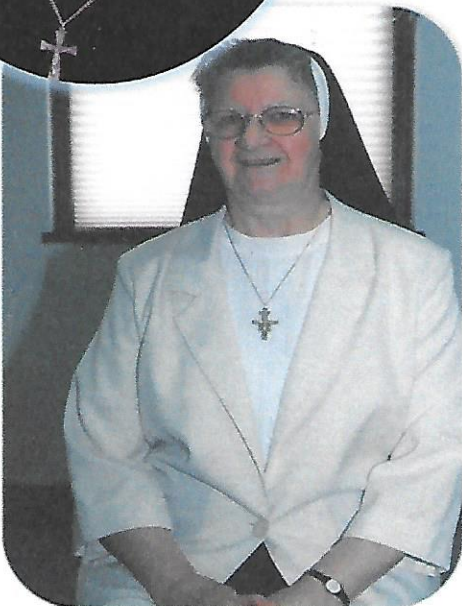
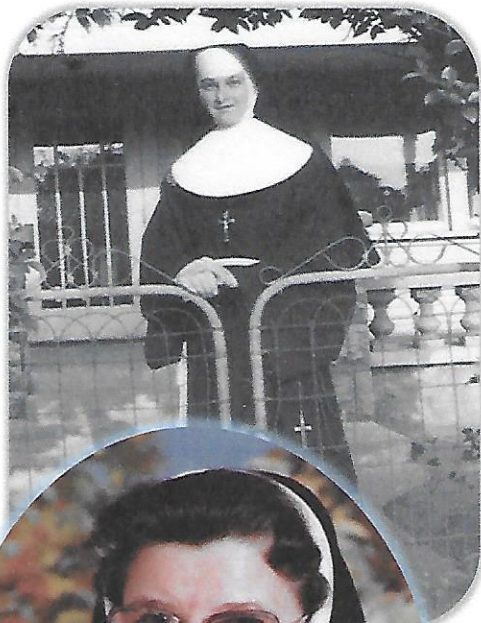


*Sister M. Theodora Shadis*  
*July 26, 1918 - October 9, 2014*



**Secular Name:** Anne  
**Entrance:** July 14, 1935  
**Birth:** Mahanoy City, PA  
**Parents:** Simon and Theresa Shadis (Sadzius)  
**Siblings:** Mary, Peter, Clara, Helen  
**Elementary School:** St. Joseph, Mahanoy City, PA  
**High School:** St. Francis Academy, Pittsburgh, PA  
**Higher Education:** B.A. Education, Duquesne  
M.A. Education, Duquesne

**Ministry:**

Sister Theodora's first appointment was at St. George Parish in Cleveland, the beginning of a 50-year teaching ministry. Among her many other assignments were schools in Amsterdam, NY, Hartford, CT, Grand Rapids, MI, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. Here, in Los Angeles, she and four other sisters opened a school for poor Mexican children, an experience she described as "enriching." Sister's longest tenure was at St. Casimir's School in Pittsburgh.

Sister Theodora's exceptional interest in her students is well documented. She not only taught them but was often aware of their personal problems and counseled many by spending time with them, to lend a helping hand when necessary. Perhaps the greatest testament to her teaching ministry is she continued to stay in touch with, and was beloved by many former students long after they graduated.

From the time of her retirement from active teaching, Sister put her artistic talents to work as coordinator of the community's craft program, including managing our gift shop and preparing for the highly anticipated annual craft show for the public.

Sister Theodora's favorite Scripture passage was, "Behold, I am with you until the end of time." She joyfully summed up her life as a woman religious, "Every day of my life as a Franciscan sister is a gift I try to share with everyone I meet along the way."

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