

*Sister M. Célia da Costa Mattoso, OSF*  
*December 15, 1927 - July 1, 2015*



*Entrance:* July 14, 1949  
*Birth:* December 15, 1927

Sister M. Célia da Costa Mattoso, a Sister of St. Francis of the Providence of God for 66 years, died in Brazil on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at the age of 88.

During her ministry, Sister Célia served in education as secretary at St. Michael the Archangel School in Vila Zelina, as well as a teacher of English, History, Geography and other subjects.

Sister Célia also ministered as an attorney providing legal services for our Community, schools and other ministries in Brazil, as well as individuals in São Paulo.



After earning a certificate of proficiency in English from the University of Michigan's English Language Institute in 1963, Sister often served as Portuguese-English translator for the community. Notably, she translated Eileen Gimper's 2002 history book *A Celebration of Franciscan Spirit* into Portuguese. Using her legal and translating skills, Sister Célia also served the Community by assisting the then U.S. Province and the Generalate located in the U.S.A. in the early 2000s.

*Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and  
in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.*

*~Psalm 51:6*