

Sister M. Florence Curlonis, OSF

March 25, 1922 – January 6, 2015



Secular Name: Mary Agnes
Entrance: September 8, 1939
Birth: Philadelphia, PA
Parents: Anthony and Hedwig Curlonis
Siblings: Anthony, Natalie
Elementary School: St. George School
High School: John W. Hallahan Catholic H.S.
Higher Education: B.A. Education, Duquesne
Library Science Certification,
Edinboro University

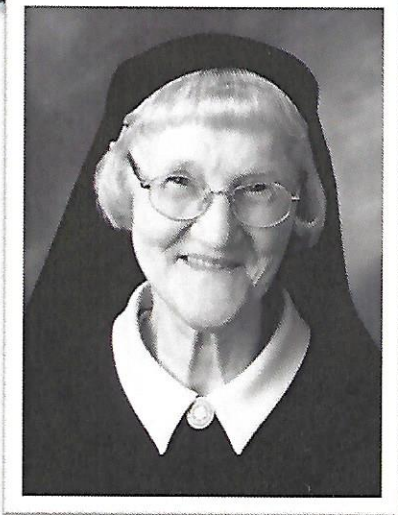
Ministry:

A graduate of Duquesne University with a B.S. in Elementary Education, Sister Florence spent over 25 years teaching grades one through four in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Sister Florence followed a call to a change in ministry in the 1970s, upon earning a Library Science certificate from Edinboro University. She became a school librarian, first at St. Gabriel's School in Pittsburgh, then South Side Consolidated School before becoming librarian at our own St. Francis Academy. In 1994, she took on the duties as librarian for our Motherhouse.

In 1990, Sister Florence earned a certificate as a member of the American Association of Handwriting Analysis. She loved to analyze handwriting and many recall her describing how our long loops and big curves said a lot about our personalities.

Among her favorite passages was from Book of Proverbs, "*A merry heart does good like medicine.*" Many recall the quotes and jokes that Sister would have on hand whenever conversation lulled. Sister Florence was also fondly remembered for a number of poems she authored wherein she reflected upon her experiences as a woman religious.



"Lo! Behold! The brilliant, splendid Light of Christ!"

~Sr. Florence – Resurrection Invitation 2001