

Sister M. Henrietta Pusvaskis, OSF
August 31, 1921 - April 24, 2015



Secular Name: Leocadia
Entrance: September 17, 1938
Birth: Ansonia, CT
Parents: Vincent and Magdalene Pusvaskis
Siblings: Peter, Vitalya, Eulalia (Lily)
Elementary School: Grove Street School
High School: Ansonia H.S.
Higher Education: R.N., St. Francis Hospital B.S.,
Nursing, Duquesne University

Ministry:

Early on, Sister Henrietta taught double grades at St. George School in Philadelphia. However, after the congregation acquired Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, IL, she expressed a desire to be trained as a nurse.

Upon earning her R.N. at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh in 1947, she joined our other sisters at Good Samaritan Hospital where she expended endless energy on behalf of the hospital's patients and staff as a Nurse, Surgery Supervisor, Director of Nursing, Assistant Administrator and Vice President. With the exception of a two-year break to complete her B.S. in Nursing at Duquesne, Sister Henrietta would spend forty years at Good Samaritan.

In 1988, when the hospital's ownership was transferred to another congregation, Sister returned to the motherhouse, serving in the Finance department as Personnel and Payroll Coordinator. She and her good friend, Sister Monica, also prepared the gifts for the Christmas parties and employee recognition.

When asked about her favorite scripture quote, Sister once responded, "Come to me all who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you. My yoke is easy and my burden is light." Sister's life exemplified this quote as God continued to be her source of strength and refreshment.

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