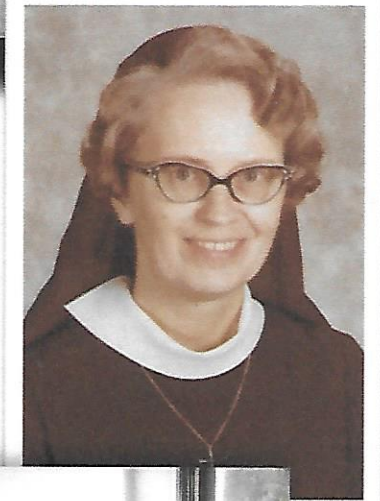


# *Sister Rosalie Kaseta OSF*

## *April 16, 1926 - September 11, 2017*



**Secular Name:** Rosalie  
**Birth:** April 16, 1926  
**Entrance:** July 5, 1942  
**Parents:** Dominic and Elizabeth  
**Siblings:** Marie, Betty, Antoinette, John  
**High School:** St. Francis Academy  
**Higher Education:** B.S. Ed.; Masters in Library Science  
Duquesne University

### **Ministry:**

The day Sister Rosalie was to leave for the Sisters of St. Casimir boarding high school in Philadelphia, her mother insisted on a final visit with her pastor. He advised her to go to St. Francis Academy in Pittsburgh with the "Lithuanian Franciscans". According to Sister Rosalie, "the pastor's recommendation was law to my mother." By chance or God's design, students from the Academy were dancing in the 1939 World's Fair in New York. Sister Rosalie was happy that she was going to Pittsburgh rather than Philadelphia.

Teaching grades one through high school for over 20 years, Sister Rosalie was an excellent educator. She taught at schools in Rochester, NY, Detroit, West Mifflin, Philadelphia, Kenosha and finally at St. Francis Academy. PA. All the while, she studied piano and played daily at children's Masses, as well as giving private lessons.

In 1952, the community had a great need for teachers in our mission in Brazil and Mother Loyola asked 26-year-old Sister Rosalie if she would go. She ministered in Brazil for five years. She was teacher in the American School Sister Rosalie was appointed Mistress of Postulants and then Directress of St. Michael Elementary School in Vila Zelina.

Desiring a change and a "new challenge," Sister was assigned to a Pastoral Care position at St. Joseph Hospital in Alton, IL. In 1986, she again responded to the congregation's need as the liturgist/organist, a ministry she performed beautifully. She also volunteered to become the community's representative for Peace and Justice in the diocese. In 2000, Sister Rosalie was secretary to the campus administrator as well as secretary to one of the priests at St. John Vianney diocesan retirement center until age 80. Even then, retirement was not in her vocabulary and she continued to assist our community organists.

Sister Rosalie spent her final few years at Presbyterian Senior Care where she continued her ministry of prayer and presence.

*Lead kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom...*  
*Lead Thou me on!*