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SISTER ANNE AGNEW, CPPS

Sister Anne Agnew

Mass of Christian Burial for Precious Blood Sister Anne Agnew, 84, was celebrated June 12 at Salem Heights Chapel in Dayton. Sister Anne died June 9 at the Maria Joseph Center. She has been a Sister of the Precious Blood for 65 years.

One of three children born to Walter and Mary (Weiser), Anne Louise Agnew was born in Dayton, Ohio in April 1928. Later her family moved to Cincinnati where Anne attended St. Mark School and Regina High School. At the age of 18, Anne formally entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood on September 1, 1946. She was known in religious life for some years as Sister Mary Walter.

Sister enjoyed teaching grade school for 17 years in Missouri, Indiana and Ohio. She also ministered for eight years in Cincinnati, Celina and Wapakoneta high schools, teaching English and history.

After teaching, Anne, “retired” at age 65, and did pastoral work in Colorado, and social justice ministry, involving AIDS. “We,” said Sister of AIDS victims, “became ‘family’ for someone whose original family abandoned them.” Later she worked in homeless shelters in Chicago and Dayton. While residing with her Sisters at Salem Heights in 2003 - 2008, she collaborated with Sister Helen Weber in publishing seven books on CPPS community history. Her failing health in 2008 took her to Emma Hall in the Maria Joseph Center.

Sister Anne is survived by her sister, Sister M. Barbara Agnew, CPPS of Dayton, Ohio and nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her sister and brother-in-law, Edith and Ronald Roat of Cincinnati.

Internment will be in the Salem Heights Cemetery.