

## IN MEMORIAM



# Sr. Margaret Daniels

(Sister M. Aengus)

BORN: January 1918

ENTERED CONGREGATION: August 27, 1946

DIED: February 27, 2016

**W**e gather today to celebrate the life of our dear Sister Margaret Daniels, a devoted Sister of the Precious Blood for sixty-nine years.

Sister Margaret was born in January 1918 to Arthur Daniels and Mary Murray in the windy city of Chicago, Illinois during a very heavy snowstorm. She was the second youngest in her family of two brothers and two sisters. After a happy early childhood, Margaret went to Immaculate Conception School staffed by the Sisters of Providence and then to St. Patrick's Academy operated by the Sisters of Mercy. After graduation she was actively involved in her parish, especially in the Legion of Mary, the Young People's club, choir and other activities.

Margaret always knew that God was calling her to serve in religious life. In order to know where God was calling her, she made a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was given the book *Not with Silver or Gold* along with the pamphlet "Doing something for Christ." This is what inspired her to visit Salem Heights. There she met Mother Magna who made a wonderful impression on her. When Margaret saw the beautiful chapel and the Sisters in adoration and learned about the various ministries of the Congregation, she was convinced that this is where the

Lord was calling her.

On August 27, 1946 at the age of 28 she entered the Postulate. On August 15, 1949 when Margaret made her vows and received her religious habit, she was given the name Sister Mary Aengus.

Sister Margaret began her ministry by taking care of the senior girls at St. Joseph Orphanage. After four years she was assigned to Maria Stein Convent where she served as sacristan, took care of the relics, and gave pilgrimages. For nine years she worked at Sts. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio and 10 years at Kneipp Springs, in Rome City, Indiana as sacristan, driver and doing office work. The last 20 years Sister Margaret spent at Salem Heights where she was again assigned to be the chauffeur for the Sisters. Sister Margaret retired in 1997 and in 2013 she moved to Emma Hall due to failing health.

One of the Sisters stated that Sister Margaret was an excellent, careful driver. She was always very gracious, courteous, generous, willing and mindful of the Sisters' comfort and even provided little warm blankets during the severe cold weather. She loved to take different routes to let the Sisters enjoy the beauties of God's nature.

Margaret loved the Eucharist. She would often be seen making an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament when

her driving schedule allowed. She loved sacristy work, preparing for the Eucharistic celebration, taking care of the altar linens and creating beautiful floral arrangements.

Sister Margaret also had outside interests such as the Women's World Day of Prayer where she served on the planning committee and the Democratic Party where she was an active member of the Central Committee in Trotwood. One Sister said, "No matter what kind of work was assigned to her at various missions, she always put her whole heart and soul into it."

Margaret was proud of being Irish. One of her friends said, "If you wish to give joy to her heart, and see a twinkle in her eye, just make a reference to Sister Margaret's Irish heritage."

When Margaret celebrated her 60th jubilee in 2007, Margaret said, "Looking back over these past 60 years, I can say I always tried to do my best. I put my heart and soul into each new assignment. I am deeply grateful to the many caring Sisters who have graced my life. My 60 years as a Sister of the Precious Blood have been precious to me!"

Margaret, you are now with the Lord and His Blessed Mother that you loved so much. We will miss your presence and ask you to pray for us.

— Sister Cecilia Taphorn