

## IN MEMORIAM



# Sr. M. Agnes Christine Mullen

BORN: May 1921

ENTERED CONGREGATION: February 2, 1950

DIED: January 3, 2012

**I**T is said of Sister Mary Agnes Christine that she “has always been a prayerful, cheerful, and a ready-to-help person.” A friend who knows her very well confides. “With a smile on her face, she is willing to do whatever is asked of her. She is calm and collected, faithful and sincere in all she does. She is always appreciative, generous, and dedicated.” With these practices, she has now entered into the world of ultimate prayerfulness and joy.

Mary Agnes Mullen was born the fourth of six children to Hugh and Lucille (Sierdorfer) Mullen. Her siblings are: her sister Joan Panzenbeck and four brothers, Fr. Bernard Mullen, C.P.P.S., Fr. Charles Mullen, C.P.P.S., Robert Mullen, and the late Br. Andrew Mullen, C.P.P.S.. Born in May 1921 in Indianapolis, Indiana, she grew to adulthood making friends, primarily through parish and school contacts. In 1940 her father was transferred through his work to Dallas, Texas. She and the rest of the family then became proud Texans.

In Texas she began her professional career in the business world. Her world for nine years was in the accounting department at the Reserve Loan and

Life Insurance Company – the company with which her father worked.

In 1950, at age 28, she answered the inner calling to follow Jesus within religious life as a Sister of the Precious Blood. She made first profession in 1952 and final profession in 1955. During this time she attended the University of Dayton receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in accounting.

Sister Agnes Christine spent 46 years in active ministry. Her first 14 years were spent as assistant in the Congregation Office of General Treasurer. In the fall of 1966 she was assigned to Maria Stein Retreat Center. She served for nine years as the local treasurer and bookkeeper at the center. She had a good relationship with many of the organizers and workers of the annual summer Festival. She also had good relationships with the business community with which she dealt – bankers, local businessmen, florists. She loved her flowers.

In 1975 she felt the calling to assist her elderly parents. Her father died soon after her arrival, and then she

continued to stay to assist her mother. During this time she worked as Secretary and Bookkeeper at St. Pius X Catechetical and Pastoral Institute in Dallas. After six years at the Institute she became Registrar and Treasurer at the Office of Religious Education for the Diocese of Dallas. This she served for eight years. She continued her ministry as part time director of the Office of the Propagation of Faith at the Diocese of Dallas for eight years until she retired in 1999.

She began her retirement living in Dallas with her brother until she returned to Ohio in 2004. Her place of residence was Salem Heights until her health began to fail. She moved to Emma Hall in 2007 where she often moved about on the arm of her brother Robert who also lives in the Maria-Joseph Living Care Center.

Her bright eyes and winning smile is now radiating before the Lord. May her example be an inspiration to all of us that life is beautiful, that Congregation and family are the ones who make us who we are, and that a life of service is following the example of Jesus' life among us.

— Sister Mary Yarger, C.P.P.S.