

IN MEMORIAM



Sr. Casilda Obringer

BORN: April 1924

ENTERED CONGREGATION: August 19, 1943

DIED: November 9, 2012

We gather today to celebrate the life of our dear Sister Casilda Obringer, a happy and devoted Sister of the Precious Blood for 69 years.

Hilda Obringer was born on Holy Thursday in April 1924 to Theresa Hemmelgarn and John Obringer in Burkettsville, Ohio. She grew up in a family of six brothers and three Sisters in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. She was the niece of our deceased Sister Mary Evarista.

When she was a very small child, Hilda loved to accompany her father while he drove the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor around the neighborhood to collect the produce which the local farmers had pledged. Her father assured his little girl that one day she, too, would be a Sister like them. As Hilda grew older she cherished that memory. On August 14, 1943 at the age of 19, she surprised her family and friends by entering the Sisters of the Precious Blood. When she became a novice she was given the name Sister Mary Casilda.

Having grown up in a large, happy family where helping and sharing were the norm, Sister Casilda had little trouble adjusting to community life. Casilda, often known as Casey, was cherished and respected by her Sisters in Community and by her family.

During her first 25 years as a professed religious, Casey enjoyed the many challenges of domestic arts and work

in the dietary departments of St. Gregory (Cincinnati), Brunnerdale (Canton), and Immaculate Heart (Denver) seminaries. She loved working with the young people. Her ability to organize, combined with her resourcefulness and her shy sense of humor, made her a successful manager and leader for the seminarians. Casey also worked in the dietary departments at St. Joseph College (Rensselaer, Indiana), San Luis Rey Academy (California), Kneipp Springs (Rome City, Indiana) and Salem Heights (Dayton).

In 1975 Sister Casilda was given the opportunity to serve in the position as printer for the Maria-Joseph Living Care Center. For 18 years she grew in her knowledge and skill as the Center's printing needs continued to grow and its printing equipment became more sophisticated and complex.

In 1981, The Strathmore Paper Company Graphics Gallery recognized Maria Joseph Center for its stationery and letterhead and requested 2500 copies of the stationery to be used as part of their marketing portfolio which was distributed around the United States and Canada. The credit was due to Sister Casilda's ability to produce the clarity and quality of the design on paper.

After retiring as printer of the Maria Joseph Care Center, she fulfilled a dream of hers and took a 12 day trip to Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France. Casey wrote a detailed outline of her trip in a personal journal.

After retiring from the Maria Joseph

Center, she began doing printing jobs at Salem Heights as well as providing hair care to the Sisters both at Salem Heights and Emma Hall. One of Casey's most outstanding traits was her deep-seated community spirit, and her willingness to go the extra mile. Casey was always happy to assist in preparation for special events. She liked to bake and decorate cakes for the many different celebrations.

On the lighter side she liked to hike and enjoyed playing cards and other competitive games. Casey appreciated music, live theater and enjoyed dancing, especially the polka.

When Casey celebrated her 60th anniversary as a Sister of the Precious Blood, she remarked "I have had varied ministries in my 60 years as a Sister of the Precious Blood. They have been rewarding years. I am grateful to God for both the ups and the downs that have graced my life. I do not know what the future holds, but I wish to be helpful to my community family as long as I can."

In 2011, Casey moved to Emma Hall due to failing health. Even though she could no longer do the tasks she loved to do, she continued to keep her smile and good sense of humor.

Casey, we will miss your presence. We have all been inspired by your positive attitude and gentle spirit. We truly have been blessed to have you as one of our Sisters.

— Sister Cecilia Taphorn, CPPS