



## Sister Anne Schulz

BORN: January 1942

ENTERED CONGREGATION: April 15, 1961

DIED: January 8, 2022

Sister Anne Schulz was born in New Britain, Connecticut, to Ralph and Mary Schulz on January 2, 1942. She said, "I am a twin — my brother Chuck was born 6 minutes ahead of me. So technically I am the 3rd oldest." She was the only girl, with two brothers older and two brothers younger than Anne. They lived in Bristol, Connecticut, and moved to Cleveland at the end of her eighth grade year. She attended Notre Dame High School in Cleveland for a year. She had an inkling of her call at that time as she went to a vocation program. At the end of the program she picked up some literature from the Precious Blood Sisters. Both the Notre Dame Sisters and the Precious Blood Sisters had an aspirancy, high school programs for young women who may be interested in religious life. Anne chose Fatima Hall, the aspirancy of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Dayton seemed a long way from Cleveland. Her father said to her after they had dropped her off in Dayton, "Remember, kid, I'm only a phone call away." Her parents visited her monthly and her mother wrote her every day. Anne left Fatima as a senior and found a job as an assistant buyer at Curtis Industries. She tried to forget about religious life, but she felt a strong pull to return. When she wrote to the Sisters in Dayton, she was told to come back in three weeks. She had to quit her job and came back to Dayton where she rejoined her Fatima class.

After profession Anne received her B.S. in education and began teaching. She began her teaching career at Assumption School in Dayton. She loved teaching science and her room was usually filled with hamsters, fish and other live pets. The children from the other classes always wanted to visit Sister Anne's classroom and see her little zoo. She was at Assumption for

nine years. She also taught at Mary, Help of Christians in Fairborn, Ohio. Anne earned a master's degree in educational administration while she was principal at Resurrection School in Dayton. She continued her ministry as a principal at St. Patrick School in Troy, Ohio, and at Queen of Martyrs School and Precious Blood School, both in Dayton. After serving as vocation director for the Congregation she earned a master's degree in counseling from Wright State University.

When I visited Anne in the hospital a couple of weeks ago, she said that all of her dreams were gone. I told her that she had made one big dream come true for a lot of people at Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School. She was able to use all of her knowledge and all of her skills to guide the birth and growth of the school. I remember visiting the beginnings of the school in the basement of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in 1998. What began as a small group of kindergarteners has now grown into a school with four buildings and 595 students.

In January of 2002, MTCES built its permanent home on a 25-acre campus in Liberty Township, Ohio. The school added one grade a year and by the fall of 2006, they were offering a K-8 program. In 2018 Mother Teresa was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Along the way, Anne was the recipient of several awards including being honored as a 2009 Woman of Influence, which acknowledged her leadership within the Liberty Township-West Chester community, and she was named a Leading Influencer of West Chester and Liberty Township in 2016. The school was named a Champion of Mercy by Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio in 2017. Another honor given to Anne was in 2007 when The

Sister Anne Schulz, C.P.P.S. Student Center at Mother Teresa School was named after her.

It is because of Anne's leadership that Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School has grown and flourished. She was concerned about the whole person. She was always aware of her responsibility to help the children grow, physically, socially and justly. On her mission reflection form for 2016-17, she wrote: "I feel what I am doing draws me close to His Most Precious Blood and in many ways touching those less fortunate than I. To help the fortunate realize their obligation to look after the poor will help the poor in many ways. The culture of the rich is becoming more selfish, better homes, bigger cars, my own advancement, they need someone to show them they are obligated and stand with Christ in helping the poor. I take this very seriously and am constantly thinking of ways to keep the poor always before the students." For 21 years she put her whole self and a lot of energy into guiding that growth. Not only did she help the school to grow, she did much to help the students to grow.

So much more can be said about Anne than this short eulogy can do justice to. Her positive personality, her joyful spirit, her love of parties and celebrations, her clowning, her caring for her mother and her brother, her love of life, her ability to relate to people of all ages, her life of prayer and service to God and to God's people are but a few things that could be mentioned.

Anne, you have been an inspiration to us. When you let go of this life and entered into eternal life on Saturday, I am sure that Jesus said to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master."

— Sister Ann Clark