

## *Sr. Dorothy Franz, OSF Professed 1960*

*“All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above.” Godspell*



Sister Dorothy Franz, OSF, died in Gilchrist Hospice in Towson, Maryland, on August 7. Born in Baltimore, Dorothy entered the congregation in 1958 and professed her first vows in 1960. She ministered primarily in education and parish ministry. Her years in ministry took her initially to the Dioceses of Trenton and Harrisburg. However, 58 of her years in ministry were spent in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

In her jubilee reflection in 2010, Dorothy credited her vocation to the example of the sisters she had met in both elementary and secondary school. She described “the example and joyful spirit of the sisters, especially Sisters Martin Joseph and Francis Marie” as playing a major role in her decision. She also credited her mother’s prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Dorothy was very close to her mother and in later years they enjoyed travelling together. She also enjoyed the theatre—especially dinner theatres—and most especially, the musical *Godspell*.

In that same jubilee reflection, Dorothy wrote about her gratitude for her years in ministry and for those who touched her life in those ministries. She was particularly grateful for the years she worked with the RCIA programs. Speaking of her work with these newest members of the Church, she said, “Their enthusiasm and desire to learn about the Catholic Church and dedication to parish ministries is an inspiration.” Deacon George, who worked with Dorothy at St. Paul Parish in Ellicott City, spoke of Dorothy’s dedication and involvement in parish ministry. “She dedicated her life to the Church,” he explained. “She was a very independent person—very private—but she was a true servant.” In the musical, *Godspell*, the followers of Jesus sing, “All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above. Then thank the Lord, thank the Lord for all his love.” Dorothy, you were quick to thank God for those who were part of your life—both as a child and throughout your years of ministry. Rest now in the God who is Love knowing that the music of your life will continue to uplift others.

***All services will be held at St. Paul Church in Ellicott City, Maryland.  
Viewing: Tuesday, 8/11, 3-5 P.M and 7-9 P.M. Mass of Christian burial: Wednesday, 8/12, 12 P.M.,  
followed by burial in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland.***