



*Sr. Margaret St. Hugh  
Keenan, OSF  
Professed 1951*



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quiet miracles that seek no attention.”*

John O’Donohue

Sister Margaret St. Hugh Keenan died in Assisi House on August 13. Margaret was born in Philadelphia where she was a member of Visitation Parish. She entered the congregation in 1949 and was professed in 1951. Her years in ministry were primarily spent in education but in later years she spent a significant number of years working with the homeless at the Ministry of Caring in Wilmington and with our own sisters at Assisi House. Over the years Margaret’s ministry took her to the Dioceses of Baltimore; Washington, DC; Wilmington; and Venice, Florida.

Margaret was basically a quiet woman who enjoyed quiet activities—reading, walking outdoors, listening to music, and watching old movies. However, like most of us, there was also a bit of a livelier side to Margaret. She loved to dance—and she was good at it! One favorite photo of Margaret in recent years depicts her enjoying a party at Assisi House and dancing with the Philly Fanatic!

At one point in time, Margaret explained that being a Sister of St. Francis meant following St. Francis who, in turn, walked in the footsteps of Christ—imitating his virtues and trying to live the Beatitudes. That she lived this belief was evident in Margaret’s willing to assist others in whatever way she could—whether that be helping another sister with a project or waiting outside chapel to distribute hymn books and Mass leaflets. When she volunteered at Assisi House, she enjoyed driving the sisters to appointments or assisting them with whatever needs they might have.

Poet John O’Donohue wrote “May you take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.” Margaret, you lived your life quietly addressing the needs of others—the children whom you taught, the homeless for whom you cared, our sisters whose needs you served—each a quiet miracle performed as part of your living out your Franciscan call. Rest now in the presence of our God who is the epitome of all miracles!

*All services will be held in Assisi House on Wednesday, August 19, at 11 A.M.,  
and will be private. Burial will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Aston.*

