



Sister Annie Frances Oman Professed 1949

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Sr. Annie Frances Oman, OSF, (formerly Sr. Margaret Patrice), died in Assisi House on February 29. Annie was born in Drumcondra, County Dublin, Ireland. She entered the congregation in 1946 and professed her first vows in 1949. Two of her sisters, Srs. Patricia Joseph Oman and Margaret Oman, as well as two cousins, Srs. Patricia Kidd and Maria Assunta Oman, also entered the congregation. Annie ministered primarily in education and pastoral care—ministries that took her to the dioceses of Baltimore, Wilmington, Seattle, Spokane, Fresno, Oakland, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Diego, Baker, and ultimately, Philadelphia.



Fiercely independent herself, Annie’s work reflected her efforts to ensure that each task be done properly. She was quick to share her own skills and gifts with others, particularly young sisters who were “learning the ropes” in teaching. Her concern and efforts to help others followed her to Assisi House. She never missed a visit to the residents of Fair Acres, a local nursing home. She also made time to write to a prisoner and was delighted when she received a letter in return.

But Annie also enjoyed a good time—and it was an established fact that she never missed a trip to the Dollar Store. She was an avid reader and particularly enjoyed books about angels—books she often shared with friends. Her jubilee last year was an especially joyful time—an experience that she wanted to share with her family. Although she knew that they would not be able to come for the celebration, she found a way to share that special day with them—photos! Learning that photos from the congregational celebration were posted on Shutterfly and could be purchased, she tried to order via her laptop. When she couldn’t manage that, she requested that a friend place the order for her. Asked how many and what specific photos she wanted, Annie replied, “Anything that includes my sister and me.”

Poet John O’Donohue wrote, “May I live this day compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love.” Annie, you lived your life with compassion for those whom you served—both in education and in pastoral services as well as in community life and family life. Rest now embraced by the loving God who created you and surrounded by the angels whose very being so amazed you!

*Prayer Service, Assisi House, 9:30 A.M., Monday, March 9, 2020
followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 A.M. Burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.*

