



## *Sister Kathleen Veronica Carroll, OSF Professed 1951*

*"A good teacher...points to what is essential so that the child or student can find meaning and joy in life." Pope Francis*



Sister Kathleen Veronica Carroll gave joy and inspiration to her many students and to all who knew her. Sister Kathleen Veronica (formerly Sister St. Hubert) died in Assisi House on September 23, 2021. She had been a professed member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for 70 years.

Sister Kathleen was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1927 and moved to the United States in 1948 after entering the congregation. She earned a B.A. in education from Marylhurst College and an M.A. in English from Seattle University. In her first years as a sister of St. Francis, she was the activity coordinator for St. Joseph Children's Home in Spokane. Her gifts were many, and during her ministry in the late 1970s in the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, she served as a cook and housekeeper for the archbishop. Much of her ministry, however, was as a teacher for students in the elementary grades. Her teaching included 18 years at St. Charles Borromeo School in Tacoma, 11 years at St. Stephen's Mission in Cheyenne, and ministries at schools in Fresno, Spokane, Seattle, San Diego, and Oakland.

In her recent ministry in hospitality and prayer, Sister Kathleen continued to touch lives with her vibrant, caring spirit. Patricia St. Clair, director of companions, and Paul St. Clair often visited Sister Kathleen at St. Ann Convent in Tacoma. Patricia and Paul were among the many who were "very, very fond of her." They speak of the twinkle in her eyes, her prayerfulness, and her gracious hospitality. As Patricia relates, Sister Kathleen loved welcoming visitors and showing them special places such as the chapel and garden. Another great pleasure for "Sister K.V." was showing her guests her books filled with pictures of Ireland, a place she loved all her life.

Sister Kathleen's other interests over the years included reading, swimming, and crocheting and knitting. Reflecting on her life, she wrote of having "had a good life." She explained, "My desire was to dedicate my life to God as a sister of St. Francis. I've never regretted my decision. Words are truly inadequate to convey the love, gratitude, and appreciation that well up in my heart as I reflect on the years past." Asked to describe how she felt others saw her, Sister Kathleen acknowledged she was "faithful to prayer, dedicated to duties, interested in community affairs, filled with love for my sisters, amiable in my dealings with others, and conscientious." The many whose lives she touched would agree and would add: Sister Kathleen Veronica Carroll lived the essence of a meaningful life.

*All Services will be held at Assisi House on Wednesday, September 29. A Christian Wake Service will be held at 9 A.M. with a viewing following. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 A.M., with burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.*

