



Sister Jacinta Marie Brazil, OSF

Professed 1958

"If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are."
Mother Teresa



After a lifetime of serving others with joy, devotion, and love, Sister Jacinta Marie Brazil died on March 21, 2023. Brigid Philomena Brazil grew up with her parents, sisters, and brothers in Corrmore, County Offaly, Ireland, where she and her family were members of St. Colmcille Church in Ballinahown. As Sister Jacinta Marie, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Mallow, County Cork, Ireland, in 1955.

From her early responsibilities as an educator through her time on the provincial council, her long and meaningful life as a sister of St. Francis was in her own words a “blessed and faith-filled life.” Sister Jacinta embraced others’ needs, bringing deep caring and capability to all she did. Her ministry unfailingly reflected the depth and breadth of her vast knowledge and care, all shared for the wellbeing of everyone. Her long-time friend, Sister Ita O’Neill, who entered in the same set remembers Jacinta as, “The

most loyal, humble, and trusting friend a person could have and highly intelligent. She always displayed humility, despite her vast intelligence. I was blessed to have known her.”

Sister Jacinta taught many young eager minds in the Dioceses of Portland, San Diego, Oakland, Seattle, and Spokane. She used her fine culinary skills as a cook at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Portland as well as at the University of Portland, where she was a student. She also served on the west coast as a learning assistance counselor and provincial council member. Returning to her hometown in Ireland in the early 90s allowed her the opportunity to provide care for her parents, while serving as a pastoral associate at Leamonaghan Parish. During this time, she helped to design a new altar and sanctuary for the church and was present at the blessing and dedication. Sister Theresa Boland remembers Sister Jacinta’s, “Dedication to the community and to the poor in the parish in Ireland and to living a life of compassion. Even in her own periods of difficulty she remained very generous, humble, and kind.”

Upon returning to the states, Sister Jacinta used her calm and supportive presence with our sisters at Assisi House as a member of the Franciscan Care Team. In 2022, Sister Jacinta moved to Assisi House herself where she ministered in prayer and hospitality until her death.

Among her many interests, Sister Jacinta enjoyed learning, reading, drawing, and all sports activities. “Sister Jacinta was very well read and informed. She could speak on a variety of topics with ease,” commented Sister Theresa, “I appreciate being her friend and will miss her.”

Whatever Sister Jacinta was doing in life, she embraced it with energy, talent, and a generous and humble spirit. Sister Bernadette Brazil (no relation) remembers Sister Jacinta as, “Very quiet, but warm. She was very committed to her mother’s care and to the students and parishioners with whom she ministered.” All who knew Sister Jacinta Brazil rejoice that she has been a part of their lives. The world holds a greater measure of joy because of her life—the beauty of her spirit and the countless gifts of loving care and serving that she has given.



*All services will be held in Assisi House on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, and will be livestreamed.
A Christian Wake Service will be held at 9:30 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 A.M.,
with burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.*