



News Release

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Benedictine Sister Marion Ambrose Passes

CLYDE, Mo. - Sister Marion Alice Ambrose, 85, died Thursday, July 24, 2008, at Our Lady of Rickenbach Healthcare in Clyde, Mo. She was a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

She was born Marion Alice Ambrose on June 6, 1923, in Johnson Creek, Wisc., to Lawrence and Frances Anna (Schneeberger) Ambrose.

Sister Marion, who felt a call to religious life since childhood, attended parochial school taught by Franciscan Sisters. While attending a public high school, she faithfully continued her religious instruction until she was 21 and work conflicted with the class schedule. For five years after her graduation from high school, she worked part time as a switch-board operator and helped with the family at home.

She suffered from a severe form of asthma, but her health improved in 1945. So she pursued her religious calling and was accepted by the Dominican Sisters in Sinsinawa, Wisc. After a few weeks, Sister Marion suffered such a severe asthma attack that she had to be hospitalized. As a result, her health was deemed too fragile for religious life and she returned home.

She later moved to Tucson, Ariz., for health reasons and it was there she began to consider contemplative life and to discern if it was God's will for her. She spent hours praying at the chapel of the Benedictine Sisters' monastery in Tucson. Returning to Wisconsin, she once again worked at the telephone office. In 1947, her health worsened and she sought help from a doctor in Milwaukee.

Five years later, her asthma condition had improved. She entered the Benedictine Sisters in 1952 at the age of 29 and made her first monastic profession on Feb. 11, 1954. During her years as a Benedictine Sister, she was part of the congregation's communities in Clyde, St. Louis, San Diego, Calif., Mundelein, Ill., and Tucson. She worked as kitchen manager, bookkeeper and treasurer, cared for the elderly and infirm sisters, and managed the sisters' altar bread department.

Within the community, she was most renowned for her photographic memory and could remember names, dates and events for each sister. As the living memory of the community, Sister Marion had an instinct for how to find our hunger for God, for freedom, truth, justice, peace and the Eucharist.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place July 26 in the Adoration Chapel, Clyde, followed by burial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Clyde.

Memorials can be sent in care of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, 31970 State Highway P, Clyde, Mo. 64432-8100.

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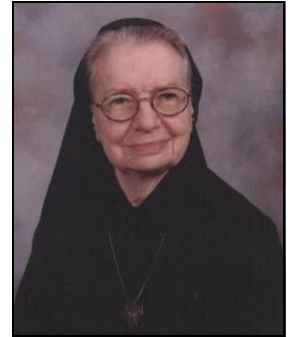
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