



News Release

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Benedictine Sister Mary Claudia Langhammer Passes

CLYDE, Mo. – Benedictine Sister of Perpetual Adoration Sister Mary Claudia Langhammer, OSB passed away Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at the congregation's motherhouse in Clyde.

She was born Mary Florence Langhammer on May 30, 1913, in Leonard, Mo. and was the second of 13 children born to William Joseph and Rebecca Cecilia (Peoples) Langhammer. The family lived on a farm near Leonard, and the children attended a one-room country grade school through eighth grade.

She learned of the Benedictine Sisters through their magazine "Spirit & Life" (then called "Tabernacle and Purgatory") and from a cousin who attended the sisters' boarding school, St. Joseph's Academy at Clyde. Sister Mary Claudia began school the following year and attended for three years.

She entered the Benedictine Sisters in 1931 and made her first monastic profession on February 4, 1933, attracted to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the kindness and fervor of the sisters. She made her final profession on February 5, 1938.

During her years as a Benedictine Sister, she lived in the congregation's communities in Clyde, San Diego, Calif., Mundelein, Ill., Tucson, Ariz., St. Louis, Mo. and Kansas City, Mo. She worked on the dairy farm, in the printery, in maintenance that included electrical work for more than 30 years, sewing and altar bread production.

As a member of the St. Louis community, she ministered to the guests who visited the monastery's chapel. Welcomed by her warm smile and kind presence as she diligently performed her tasks, many would talk to her and ask her to pray for their special needs.

She remained in St. Louis until 2001 and was then transferred to the sisters' healthcare facility in Clyde. There she continued to sew, making aprons and lap covers, and enjoyed working puzzles and fishing in the pond.

A prayer vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in the monastery's community room. Mass will be held at 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 31, in the Adoration Chapel in Clyde followed by burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Clyde. Memorials can be made to the Benedictine Sisters.



**Sister Mary Claudia
Langhammer**

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