

Obituary of Sister Mary Cordia Glinka, CSSF

SISTER MARY CORDIA, Helen Glinka of Wyandotte, Michigan, age 90, religious 70 years, entered eternal life December 23, 2009 in Livonia, Michigan.

Born on August 16, 1919, the 2nd child of Frank and Mary (Ciolkowski) Glinka, Helen was baptized at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and attended Mt. Carmel school for twelve years.

Helen joined the Felician Congregation in August, 1939, and the following year received the Felician habit and the name Sister Mary Cordia. Final vows were professed in 1947.

Sister Cordia earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Madonna University and a Master degree in Administration from the University of Detroit. Her first teaching assignment was at St. Hyacinth School, Detroit, and for the next 18 years Sister taught at the following schools: Patronage of St. Joseph, St. Stanislaus, St. Albertus, St. Casimir, and St. Josaphat, all in Detroit; Holy Rosary, Isadore; St. Stanislaus, Bay City; Catholic Central, Alpena; St. Florian, Hamtramck; and Ladywood, High School, Livonia.

In 1960 Sister continued in business management for 40 more years as Controller, St. Mary Hospital; Secretary and Bursar, St. Andrew School Detroit; Assistant to the President, Personnel Director and Payroll Manager, Madonna University; Business Manager and Director of Personnel and Purchasing, Ladywood High School.

With declining health Sister Mary Cordia was permanently transferred to Blessed Mary Angela Convent in 2002 and remained there until the Lord took her home. At 5:50 a.m., December 23, 2009, she slipped peacefully into God's eternal embrace. Sister Cordia is survived by a brother, Tony, nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Saturday, December 26, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. by Rev. Walter Ptak, pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Wyandotte assisted by Reverend Timothy Babcock, chaplain in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel of the Felician Sisters, Livonia, Michigan. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan.