

We of Nojoshing

Nojoshing – Indian word for the area where our pioneer members settled in 1849; it means "piece of land stretching into the water." The name was changed later to Saint Francis, Wisconsin.



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We celebrate the memory of our beloved Sister Marianne Vogel *formerly Sister Laurana* March 17, 1931 – May 22, 2023

Sister Marianne was born in Jefferson, Wis., to Ernest and Coletta (Wedl) Vogel, the eighth of 13 children. Since she was born on St. Patrick's Day there was discussion about naming her Patricia. However, in the end, her parents chose to name her Marianne, which for them was more feminine. Marianne went to St. Lawrence elementary school and graduated from Jefferson High School. After working as a bank clerk for two years in Jefferson, she entered our congregation on September 8, 1951. When Marianne became a novice on August 11, 1952, she received the name Sister Laurana, but went back to her baptismal name after Vatican Council II.

Sister Marianne attended Marquette University as a second-year novice. She professed first vows on August 12, 1954, and continued at Marquette until February 1957, when she moved to St. Coletta School (now Cardinal Cushing Centers) in Hanover, Mass., doing general work and teaching until 1962. Her teaching ministry continued at St. Frederick, Cudahy, Wis., and St. Catherine, Granville, Wis., while completing her bachelor's degree at Cardinal Stritch University.

In 1965, Sister Marianne moved to Rockwell City, Iowa, and taught for one year at St. Francis of Assisi. Then she became principal and local superior at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Milwaukee, until 1974. At that point, Sister Marianne transitioned from teaching to serving for one year in the ongoing formation program for our congregation, followed by 21 years of service in pastoral ministry at St. Veronica Parish, Milwaukee. During that time, she earned a master's degree in pastoral studies at Loyola University, Chicago.

In 1996, Sister Marianne pursued gerontological studies at Mount Mary College and at Cardinal Stritch University. At the end of her year of studies, she began the pastoral care department at St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care and worked there from 1997-2005. Sister Marianne served as a member of the pastoral team caring for our Sisters at Marian Franciscan Health Center from 2005 to 2008, when she retired to Clare Hall and volunteered her service as medical companion/driver and tutor at Milwaukee Achiever Program.

In May 2019, Sister Marianne moved into the new St. Francis Convent.

Sister Marianne valued community life. This can be traced back to growing up in a large, close-knit family and living close to extended family on the farms nearby. She found convent life challenging. She had grown up with 10 brothers and two sisters, but living with all women was an adjustment.

In Sister Marianne's reflections is the following story from her time at Sacred Heart Parish: "On one occasion when I was principal of the school and coordinator of the local community, a group of repairmen came to put a new roof on the convent. When one of the workmen saw 13 Sisters strolling out of the convent door at 6:30 a.m. for morning Mass, he said to me, 'Do all of you live in this one building?' I said, 'Yes, indeed, we all live together.' He shook his head and said, 'There's got to be a God in heaven.'"

Many years later, in 2014, when she celebrated her 60th jubilee of Profession, she wrote this reflection:

Living in community with other Sisters has helped me to pray, share, change and grow in spiritual and human values. Their communal support has enabled me to be of service to many people in various forms of ministry and services. The faith, suffering, joy and prayer of people I have ministered to, and with, continue to be a great source of inspiration and motivation for me.

These 60 years have been a challenging period of change and growth for me, religious orders and the Church.

I know God is constantly alive in me. I hear the voice of "My Lover" calling and directing me to ever-deeper unity, purpose and grace.

Sister Marianne's health declined gradually over the last years. In mid-May, her decline was more noticeable and Sisters began to keep vigil with her as she began her journey into eternal life. Father Jim Schroeder anointed her on Friday, May 19, after Mass. Several Sisters and staff were present.

On Monday evening, May 22, 2023, at 7:45 p.m., with Sister Rosalynn Dzikonski present, God peacefully called Sister Marianne to her eternal reward.

My Beloved responded to me and said to me, "Arise, my daughter, my beautiful one, and come with me." Paraphrased from the Book of Solomon 2:10

~ †Sister Marie Colette Roy and Sister Marcia Lunz