



## *In Loving Memory*

### Sister Lorraine Mosso

Sister Lorraine (formerly Mary Laurita) Mosso, 92, died Wednesday, July 4, 2018, at Notre Dame Health Care, Good Counsel Hill, Mankato, Minnesota. She was the second child and only daughter born to William and Lorain (Krumheuer) Mosso in St. Paul. On May 9, 1926, she was baptized at St. Matthew Church and named Lorraine Mary, after her mother.

Lorraine knew from an early age that she wanted to be a sister and wrote in her autobiography, “From the very first time I saw a sister, I always had the desire to be just like them. From a little tot on through the grades, I accompanied my aunt to Sunday afternoon devotions, May devotions, etc. and always delighted in kneeling right behind the sisters or right across the aisle from them.”

Lorraine entered kindergarten at St. Matthew School in 1931, extremely happy that she now had sisters for teachers. She wrote, “As I went through the grades, each sister found out my desire to be one of them someday and always had an encouraging word and told me to keep praying.” Several weeks before eighth grade graduation, Sister M. Agnesine Obinger came to talk to the eighth grade girls. Lorraine was eager to know all about the aspiranture and Good Counsel Academy in Mankato, but up to this time, she hadn’t told her parents about wanting to go to there. That evening she went home very enthusiastic about Good Counsel. It was a shock to her parents – both thought she was too young to make such a decision. Her father said she should first attend two years of high school at St. Matthew’s, and after that she could go. About a week before school was to reopen, Sister M. Raphaeline Baumgartner asked Lorraine’s father to stop at the convent after evening devotions. The next morning, Lorraine’s mother asked if she still wanted to go to Good Counsel and said that her father now approved of the idea.

In the fall of 1940, Lorraine became a freshman aspirant at Good Counsel Academy. She graduated from Good Counsel in 1944 and entered the SSND candidature that same year. As a second year candidate, she taught 48 fourth graders at Sacred Heart, St. Paul. She was received into the novitiate in July 1946 and given the name Sister Mary Laurita. She later returned to her baptismal name.

Following profession of first vows in 1947, Sister Lorraine began her teaching ministry at St. Francis de Sales in St. Paul. The next year, she was missioned to St. Leo in rural western Minnesota. Here, in addition to teaching fifth and sixth grade, she was also responsible for music in the school and parish. For two summers she studied music at Viterbo College in La Crosse. In January 1950, she was transferred to St. John the Baptist, Jordan, Minnesota, where she taught grades six and seven, and was responsible for the choir. Similar assignments followed at St. Andrew, St. Paul, and at St. Clara, Clara City, Minnesota. In 1960, she was appointed principal and upper grade teacher at St. John the Baptist, Searles, Minnesota, and in 1966, she moved to St. Joseph, Clements, Minnesota, where she was principal, taught, and took care of the music. In 1967, she was missioned to St. Peter School, New Haven, Iowa, with

Birth  
April 20, 1926

Baptism  
May 9, 1926

Profession  
July 15, 1947

Death  
July 4, 2018

Burial  
Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Cemetery

*Precious and blessed is  
the death of the faithful  
before God... for  
they die in union with  
their dear Jesus, in the  
grace of God, in peace.*

Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger  
Foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Letter 11, September 10, 1831

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the knowledge that the school would close at the end of the school year. In January 1969, following a semester of recuperation from back surgery, she went to Sacred Heart, Heron Lake, Minnesota, again knowing that the school would close in the spring. Sister Lorraine then went to St. Francis Xavier, Sartell, Minnesota, until December 1970. Knowing that she needed time for rest and change, she spent the next 18 months at Good Counsel. After one year of teaching music at Silver Lake Catholic Schools, she became principal at St. Bernard, Cologne, Minnesota (1972-74). From 1974-78, she served as a teacher's aide and taught music, first at St. Felix, Wabasha, Minnesota, and then back at St. John the Baptist, Searles. During her years of teaching, she earned a B.A. in English and music from St. Catherine's College in St. Paul.

Sister Lorraine described the next phase of her SSND ministry: "In 1978, there was a need for someone to work with our retired sisters in the Motherhouse. I was asked to do remotivation therapy and music with the sisters. What a delightful change! This therapy worked wonders for mental stimulation and relaxation. I did this for eight years, and then did pastoral care for two more years." She also helped with motherhouse administration, coordinated transportation and was involved in community service.

In 1987, Sister Lorraine's parents moved to Regina Medical Center in Hastings, Minnesota. She was also ready for a change and applied for a position at Regina in January 1988. The administrator told Sister Lorraine that she could live and work at Regina and that a position in human resources would be waiting for her when she returned from a planned sabbatical in Chatawa, Mississippi. Sister Lorraine continued to work at Good Counsel until May. She then participated in the renewal program from September through December and began working in finance and human resources at Regina in January 1989. After six years, she transferred to activities and worked there another five years. She appreciated this opportunity, as she was able to help care for her parents. Her father died in 1990 and her mother in 1999.

Sister Lorraine retired to Good Counsel in 1999. She commented about her life on the Hill: "My ministry of prayer, reception desk, helping in Notre Dame Health Care visiting the sisters and playing organ for their prayer times keeps me busy. I am truly grateful for the opportunities I have had to touch so many lives."

The funeral liturgy, with Father Eugene Stenzel as presider, was held Thursday, July 12, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel. A prayer service of remembrance preceded the funeral liturgy. Burial of her cremains followed in the Good Counsel cemetery. She is survived by her brothers, Bill and Tom (Lois), a niece and nephews and her sisters in community, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and SSND associates. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Lorain (Krumheuer) Mosso, and her brother, Earl.

*By Sister Mary Kay Ash, SSND*