

In Loving Memory

Sister Marie Regine Redig

Sister Marie Regine Redig, 93, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee. She patiently awaited full union with God.

On December 29, 1930, at their home in Marshfield, Wisconsin, Michael and Mary Redig welcomed their fifth child, Rita. Rita was baptized January 4, 1931, at Sacred Heart Parish in Marshfield.

The children in the family spanned over 13 years in their arrivals, and included Dorothy, Irma, Francis, Arnold, Rita and then the youngest, Walter.

Rita and her siblings were educated by School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) at Sacred Heart School in Marshfield. Rita attended high school at St. John's in Marshfield until her senior year. She entered the candidature on August 28, 1947, and completed her final year in just six months. She had fond memories of her SSND teachers, noting their ability to make learning fun. Her oldest sister, Dorothy (Sister Carola), entered the convent when Rita was two and Sister Marie Regine recalled the special bond they would later develop over their shared vocation.

On July 19, 1949, Rita received the name Marie Regine and began her year of novitiate. On July 20, 1950, Sister Marie Regine pronounced her first vows and her final vows in July 20, 1956.

As a postulant, Sister Marie Regine was sent to Chicago to help open a new school at St. Helena of the Cross. She attended Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in the summer, as well as enrolling in evening and Saturday classes at both DePaul University and Loyola University, ultimately graduating at age 32. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mount Mary College and a master's degree in religious education from University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.

Sister Marie Regine's ministry experiences began as a primary teacher at St. Alphonsus School in Chicago. In 1958, she taught primary grades at Blessed Sacrament in Morton, Illinois. In 1963, she taught intermediate grades at St. Peter and St. Paul, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. In 1966, she was appointed the dual roles of both principal and teacher at St. Gabriel School, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. In 1970, Sister Marie Regine was again appointed principal and teacher at St. Philip in Rudolph, Wisconsin.

In 1973, she was elected to be coordinator for District 1 in the province, a role that would see her traveling throughout the LaCrosse and Superior dioceses to visit sisters at their home schools and parishes. Beginning in fall 1975, she

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Birth
December 29, 1930

Baptism
January 4, 1931

Profession
July 20, 1950

Death
March 26, 2024

Burial
Notre Dame of Elm Grove

*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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began a period of study and preparation to lead retreats at the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago. With that knowledge, she undertook a ministry of spiritual and retreat direction at Notre Dame of the Lake in Mequon, Wisconsin. Along with that, she was part of the formation team, assigned to work with the temporary professed. For eight years Sister Marie Regine visited those sisters and each summer, guided them in preparation for their perpetual profession.

Sister Marie Regine moved to Milwaukee in 1986 and became part of a continuing professional education group in training at Veteran's Hospital for one year. In 1987, she again served to coordinate spiritual growth programs alongside spiritual/retreat work at Mount Mary University. In 2002, Sister Marie Regine retired from her role at Mount Mary University but kept her private clientele and ministered out of her home. Beginning in 2010, Marie Regine spent several years residing in the North American Postulancy Community in Chicago. Approaching 80, she moved to the retirement community at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Wisconsin in 2014. On December 16, 2021, Sister Marie Regine moved to Trinity Woods.

Sister Marie Regine did everything with her kind heart and patience. She was faithful in allowing God to work through her.

The funeral Mass was held Friday, April 12, at the Mother Caroline Chapel at Trinity Woods, with Father Leonard Barbian as presider and Father Romanus Nwaru as co-celebrant. A prayer of remembrance preceded the funeral. A natural burial took place on March 27 in the Elm Grove Cemetery.

Sister Marie Regine is survived by nieces and nephews and the SSND community. She was preceded in death by her parents Michael and Mary and her sisters and brothers, Sister Carola, SSND, Irma, Francis, Arnold and Walter.

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