

Remembering Mary Hogan

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*“our oneness in Christ extends
beyond this life,
the bond of community
unites us even after death”
(Const. #59/d.31)*

Sister Mary Hogan, formerly Sister Mary Michael, reached the end of her earthly journey on Sunday, April 3, 2022 and entered the fullness of life in the Risen Christ. She had been living at Villa Angela/St. Angela's Meadow Retirement Lodge since 2016. Her long and fruitful life in various ministries was celebrated by her community, her family, co-workers and friends in the days following her passing.

Born in Windsor in 1934, the daughter of Frank and Gertrude Hogan, she was one of nine children. She entered the Ursuline Community in 1953 having, as Father Dariusz described in his homily, found the pearl of great price, the love that Jesus had for her. On fire with this love she ministered tirelessly in a variety of areas included education, pastoral ministry, and a prayer ministry comprised of scripture groups, healing ministry and retreat work that took her around the world.

The Ursuline Sisters were able to gather on Wednesday, April 6 for Mary's Celebration of Life. The service was led by Sister Sheila McKinley with readings chosen by Sister Mary. In her reflection on Sr. Mary's life, Sister Linda Dube referred to Mary's deep love for those with special needs, those who were poor, downtrodden, or rejected. Mary's deep respect and compassion for these "little ones" was evident throughout Mary's ministries but in a

particular way with her work at Glengarda School where the spirit of family that she created allowed both students and staff to flourish.

The Mass of Resurrection took place at Blessed Sacrament Church. Sister Theresa Mahoney, Community Leader, welcomed the congregation and Joan Schell, a member of Sharers of the Word Ministry and a friend of over forty years, gave a moving tribute to Mary at the beginning of Mass. She spoke of Mary's ability to accept people as they are and challenge them to grow. Mary's great love for life and for people was evident throughout the missions, retreats and healing services that she held with her co-worker, Father Carl Schmidt C.Ss.R. She was, Joan pointed out, "holy but not holier-than-thou".

Father Dariusz Lewandoski, the presider at the Mass reflected on the Emmaus story and spoke of how Sister Mary's life was directed by the fire burning in her heart as she recognized Christ in the Scriptures, the Eucharist and in the communities of which she was a part. Sister Mary's friends and family members proclaimed the Word and led the Prayers of the Faithful. The pall bearers were friends, former colleagues from Glengarda School and a Glengarda School graduate – all people whose lives had been deeply influenced by Mary. Sister Theresa Mahoney led the prayers of final committal assisted by Sister Marian Krauskopf.

As the first brave flowers spring forth from the earth and green shoots are on the verge of blooming, we rejoice together in a faithful God who has called his dear one home:

*“Come then, my love; my darling, come with me.
The winter is over; the rains have stopped.
In the countryside the flowers are in bloom.
This is the time for singing.”*

