

***Remembering
Sister Angela Theresa Hoffman***

1925 - 2022



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

Sister Angela Theresa Hoffman (Theresa Cecelia) entered into the fullness of life on August 10, 2022. The daughter of the late Simon and Caroline (Regier) Hoffman, she was born in Zurich, Ontario in 1925 and was one of twelve children. Family was very important to her and she always looked forward to the occasions when everyone could be together, including Sunday dinners and snow days.

Like her namesake, St. Angela Merici, Angela Theresa lived a Spirit-guided life, entering the Ursuline Community in 1943. Throughout her religious life she worked in diverse settings and in a variety of ministries beginning as a teacher in Windsor, Wallaceburg and Woodslee. It was during her time in Woodslee that she learned about the plan of the Diocese of London to open a mission in Peru. With her typically generous approach to life, she offered to join the initial group and was accepted. The years the Ursulines spent in Peru were transformative, both for the sisters who lived there and for the Community members who supported them from Canada. In the early days the sisters established a well-respected school and years later, following the promptings of the Spirit, they turned over the running of the school to the parents and moved to Urrunaga to be with the people who were living lives of poverty and struggle.

The bold Spirit who called Angela Theresa to minister in Peru also invited her to other creative

and innovative ministries and she continued to respond generously in the formation of a House of Prayer, the development of a new school in Bradford, local leadership in Chatham, educating in Grayson, visiting those in jail and taking a leadership role in the prayer ministry.

As hard as she worked, Angela Theresa always appreciated her sabbatical time, her retreat opportunities and the time to enjoy the beauty of nature.

A Celebration of Life took place at Villa Angela/St. Angela's Meadow Retirement Lodge. The service was led by Sister Sheila McKinley using the readings and songs chosen by Angela Theresa. Everyone was grateful that Cindy Waddick was able to provide musical accompaniment.

The Mass of Resurrection at the Blessed Sacrament site was live-streamed making it possible for many to join in the celebration including our Peruvian friends who have been part of our lives. Father John Jasica was the presider and Sister Pauline Maheux welcome everyone in both English and Spanish. The pall bearers were family members and friends of the Ursulines. Sister Karen Gleeson led the prayers at St. Anthony Cemetery and Sister Theresa Mahoney presented the crucifix to Angela Theresa's sister, Doreen Ducharme as a symbol of the ongoing connection between the Hoffman and Ursuline families.

*For God has so arranged things from
all eternity that those who join
together in God's name to do good,
thrive in every way and what they
undertake turns out well, because
they have God and all creation on
their side.*

Last Counsel of St. Angela

