

## **Sister Francesca Reich, CSA**

Sister Francesca (Frances Geraldine) Reich, CSA, died peacefully the evening of April 27, 2012, at the St. Francis Home where she resided.

Geraldine was born in Seattle, WA on February 22, 1927, to Gabriel and Glenda (Knapp) Reich. Geraldine was an only child.

Geraldine was professed, Sister Francesca, on May 18, 1954, in the Episcopal Community of Sisters of the Holy Nativity.

She ministered in California and New York. When she was stationed at Nativity Convent in Fond du Lac, she attended Marian College in the Nursing Program, thus she became acquainted with the Sisters of St. Agnes.

She converted to the Roman Catholic Church and desired to enter the Congregation of St. Agnes. She was professed as a Sister of St. Agnes in 1971.

She ministered as a nurse at Nazareth Heights, Home Health Services, and with the L'Arche Community in Mobile, AL.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gabriel (Harry) Reich and her mother, Glenda Knapp Reich.

She is survived by the Sisters of St. Agnes with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

VISITATION: Visitation for Sister Francesca Reich will be held on Tuesday, May 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Nazareth Court and Center.

SERVICES: A Prayer Service will be held at 4 p.m. at Nazareth Court and Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, in the St. Francis Home Chapel. Father Ken Smits, Capuchin, will serve as Mass celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Sisters of St. Agnes Development Office, 320 County Road K, Fond du Lac, WI, 54937.

The Sisters of St. Agnes are grateful to the staff of St. Francis Home and Nazareth Court and Center for their care of Sister Francesca and the staff of Hospice Hope in her last days.

The Zacherl Funeral Home and Crematory of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, is serving the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Agnes.

