

Sister Agnes Louise (Venard) Paulus, CSA

Sister Agnes Louise (Venard) Paulus, CSA, 88, died on May 30, 2006, at St. Francis Home, 33 Everett St., in Fond du Lac, where she had been a resident for the past five years.

Sister Agnes Louise was born November 19, 1917, in Beloit, Wisconsin, a daughter of Jack and Louise Goldsworthy Paulus.

Being impressed by the sisters who taught her at Brother Dutton School in Beloit, she entered the Congregation of St. Agnes in 1932 and professed her vows on August 15, 1936.



At the age of 16 Sister began her teaching ministry as she taught kindergarten in New London, Wisconsin. For the next 50 years she was involved in the field of Catholic education, first teaching elementary and secondary schools in Wisconsin, Illinois and New York. In 1958 Sister went to Marian College in Fond du Lac as an associate professor, teaching philosophy and English composition for 16 years, and later served as director of alumni relations for the college. After completing 25 years of service at Marian College Sister retired, only to continue sharing the light of God's love through a multitude of ways, including volunteering at the Fond du Lac Senior Center, the Taycheedah Correctional Institution, St. Agnes Hospital and Grancare Nursing Home.

Sister Agnes Louise tried in many ways to bring Christ to people, mostly through social action. She saw her life as "lighting little candles." As she grew older she developed her ministry of writing, and wrote articles and multiple letters to newspaper editors, "praying that good be encouraged and people be moved to right action, whether in politics, the world of entertainment, education or the media." Sister is remembered for her deep commitment to peace and justice, pro-life issues and ecumenism.

Sister Agnes Louise is survived by two stepsisters, Mary Higgins of Highland Park, Illinois, and Jane Duggan of Santee, California; cousins; and by the members of the Congregation of St. Agnes, with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Paulus; and two sisters, Margaret Cubasch and Helen Patrick.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2006, at St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett St. in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will be the celebrant. Burial will take place immediately following the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

Visitation: Visitation will be held after 9 a.m. on Friday, June 2, 2006, at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett St., Fond du Lac, with a prayer service at 11 a.m.