

Sister Eymard Wirtz, CSA

Sister Eymard Wirtz, CSA, 91, a resident of St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, died at the Home on Friday, September 22, 2006.

Sister Eymard was born on April 14, 1915 in Crown Point, Indiana, one of nine children of Joseph H. Wirtz and Barbara Backe Wirtz.



Sister entered the Congregation of Saint Agnes in 1932 from Saint Mary's Parish in Crown Point, Indiana, professing her vows on August 15, 1935.

Immediately following her profession of vows Sister Eymard traveled to Harlem, New York, to begin her ministry as an elementary teacher which she continued for the next 54 years. During those years Sister taught the primary and middle grades in New York, Kansas and Wisconsin. After her retirement in 1989, Sister continued serving in the field of education, tutoring children at Ss. Louis and Patrick School in Fond du Lac for the next six years. As Sister aged, she reached out to other elderly as she volunteered at All About Life Nursing home in Fond du Lac where she visited the residents and prayed the rosary with them every Thursday. Wherever she served she was recognized for her beautiful spirit of peace and joy.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Therese and Catherine Wirtz, both of Merrillville, Indiana, many nieces and nephews, relatives, friends and the members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister Eymard was preceded in death by her seven brothers and one sister: Joseph, Raymond, Edward, Herbert, Wilbert, Vernon, Jerome and Marie Wirtz.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2006, at St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett St. in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will be the celebrant. Burial will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26 at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

Visitation: Visitation will be held at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett Street in Fond du Lac after 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2006, where a prayer service will be held at 4:00 p.m.