

## **Sister Anne Karlin, CSA**

Sister Anne Karlin, CSA (Sister John), 84, a resident and staff member of The Leo House in New York City died on Thursday evening, November 17, 2005, at Nazareth Center, 375 Gillett Street, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, after a brief illness.

Sister Anne, one of fifteen children, was born December 22, 1920, in Catharine, Kansas, a daughter of Frank E. and Anna Mary Schmidt Karlin. Anne entered the Congregation of St. Agnes in 1945 and professed her vows on August 15, 1948.

Eventually she would be one of six members of her family who joined religious life, with five joining the Congregation of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.



Sister Anne spent 36 years teaching in elementary schools in Wisconsin, Illinois, and New York. During her summers she volunteered in a variety of positions including four summers teaching in Nicaragua. Sister had a special love for New York City, first teaching at Our Lady Queen of Angels in East Harlem for 14 years and later, for the last 21 years, serving in a variety of managerial positions at The Leo House, a Catholic Guesthouse offering housing for travelers and long-term residents. Throughout Sister Anne's life she had a special love for music. While in New York she had been a member of St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir and until recently an active member of the New York Grand Opera Chorus.

Survivors include her brother Francis Karlin of North Las Vegas, Nevada; three sisters, Teckla Werth and Isabelle Linenberger both of Los Angeles, California, and Sister Lois Karlin, CSA, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; four sisters-in-law, Agnes and Alfreda Karlin, both of Hays, Kansas, Carol Karlin of Grinnell, Kansas, and Vivian Karlin of Kansas City, Kansas. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and the members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister Anne was preceded in death by seven brothers: Alvin, Benno, Marne, Cletus, Eugene, Wilfric and Rev. Paulinus Karlin, O.F.M. Cap., and by three sisters: Sister Mary Catherine Karlin, CSA, Sister Francis Ann Karlin, CSA, and Sister Marcella Karlin, CSA.

**Services:** Visitation will be held after 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005, at Nazareth Court in Fond du Lac with a prayer service at 4:00PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Saint Francis Home in Fond du Lac at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, November 19, 2005, with the Rev. Thomas Spillett as the celebrant and the Rev. Bernard Quinn as concelebrant. Both priests served as chaplains at The Leo House while Sister Anne ministered there. Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 21, 2005, at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

Zacherl Funeral Home is serving the Congregation of St. Agnes.