

Sister Dolores Olk, CSA

Sister Dolores Olk, CSA (Joachim), a resident of St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, died Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at the home.

Sister Dolores, one of eleven children, was born April 2, 1914, in Hortonville, Wisconsin, a daughter of Peter and Mary Berg Olk. Sister professed her vows in the Congregation of St. Agnes on August 15, 1938.

Sister Dolores dedicated the first 40 years of her ministry to teaching in elementary schools in Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Kansas. She brought a special gift to her ministry with her love and knowledge of music. Besides teaching music and being the parish organist at her mission sites, she also enjoyed composing her own music, including a Mass she wrote in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After retiring from the classroom in 1978, Sister continued to share God's love through a variety of ministries at Holy Hill, Beloit Catholic High School and in Hortonville at her home parish, Ss. Peter and Paul. She retired to Nazareth Heights in 1990.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Bernadine Olk of Hortonville, Wisconsin, and Bernice Olk of Burbank, Illinois; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; and the members of the Congregation of St. Agnes, with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister Dolores was preceded in death by her five brothers, Matthew, Bernard, Arthur, Sylvester and Jerome; and by her five sisters, Alma and Lydia Olk, Myrtle Schwister, Mary Berg and Sister De Paul Olk, CSA.

• **Services:** A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2005, at the St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The Rev. Edward Sippel will preside. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

• **Visitation:** Visitation will be held from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2005, at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, with a prayer service at 10:30 a.m.

