

Sister Tarcisius Blasl, CSA

Sister Tarcisius Blasl, Madelaine Georgette Blasl, died peacefully on June 16, 2016, at Nazareth Center, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Madelaine was born in Bronx, New York, on February 12, 1928, to George Blasl and Anna Czermak Blasl. Her family included two brothers and one sister. Having entered St. Agnes Convent in September 1952, Sister Tarcisius made her first profession of vows in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1955.

In 1967 Sister Tarcisius received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Marian College of Fond du Lac. Her first teaching assignments took her to parish schools in New London, Eden, and Waunakee, Wisconsin; the remainder of her 41 years in education were spent in Altoona, Pennsylvania; Holy Family and St. Raymond's Schools in Bronx, New York; St. Joseph of Yorkville and Our Lady of Good Counsel Schools in New York, New York. During that time she was also an assistant principal for one year; she was an art teacher and art resource person for seven years.

Both of Sister's parents were born in Vienna and she deeply valued her Austrian heritage. The arts, especially attending operas, brought joy to Sister's spirit. Among her skills and hobbies were needlework of any kind and sewing. In her later years she created many knitted caps, scarves and mittens which were donated to sales that benefited those in need.

Sister Tarcisius attended devotedly to the care of her parents in their later years. She was preceded in death by her parents George and Anna Czermak Blasl, her sister Irene Toricelli, and her brother Gerald Blasl.

She is survived by her brother Eric (Diana) Blasl, nieces and nephews, and the Sisters of St. Agnes with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Tarcisius will be at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on Sunday, June 19, beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Prayer Service at 11:00 a.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, 2016, at St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Father Ken Smits, Capuchin, will be the presider. Burial will take place on Monday, June 20, at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery.

Memorials can 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 nurses and staff of Nazareth Court and Center for their care of Sister Tarcisius in her last years and to the staff of Hospice Hope during Sister's final illness.

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

