

Sister Mary Hubert McQuinn, C.P.P.S.

Born: September 16, 1931

Professed: August 10, 1953

Entered into Life: April 17, 2018

Verse on her memorial card:

**“Seek the Lord while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)**



April 18, 2018

Dear Sisters,

Around 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, our Sister Mary Hubert McQuinn left this world more quickly than anyone anticipated. Sister Lois, her profession classmate, was with her, cradling her head and quietly praying into her ear. Sister Mary Hubert's siblings, who were so precious to her, were enroute from western Missouri, arriving in O'Fallon about an hour after Sister died.

Sister Mary Hubert was born in Conception, Missouri, on September 16, 1931, to Hubert and Stephanie (Steinhauser) McQuinn, the fourth of eight children. She was baptized as Dorothy Ann on the day of her birth.

Sister Mary Hubert entered the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in 1950 and professed her first vows on August 10, 1953. She completed a bachelor's degree in Latin at St. Louis University and a master's degree in theology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

Sister Mary Hubert served as an elementary teacher at St. George and Holy Innocents Schools in St. Louis; St. Peter's in Quincy, IL; St. Columba (Immaculate Conception) in Conception, MO; St. Pius X in San Antonio, TX; St. Mary in Glasgow, MO; and, Assumption in O'Fallon, MO. After completing her master's degree, she taught theology in summer school at our St. Mary's College and began serving in parish ministry. She ministered for ten years as the Director of Religious Education in Boonville, MO. For the next eleven years she was a pastoral minister in Iowa, serving a cluster parish in Hospers, Alton and Granville and then at St. Anthony Parish in Des Moines.

After a short sabbatical at the Manna House of Prayer in 2006, Sister Mary Hubert moved to O'Fallon where she served in various volunteer capacities. One of these volunteer ministries was coordination of hospitality, and she always went the extra mile to help guests feel welcomed. Her health declined significantly after a major surgery in January 2017 and a broken hip in June 2017. She moved to Mount Carmel Senior Living this past November.

Sister Mary Hubert thoroughly enjoyed teaching, particularly teaching scripture. A trip to the Holy Land in 1993 was a treasured experience, and she brought biblical passages to life for her students by sharing her first-hand understanding of these holy places.

A tireless, hard-working, steady, salt-of-the-earth woman, Sister Mary Hubert brought great enthusiasm and dedication to her ministries. Her letters home during her years of pastoral ministry describe the plethora of responsibilities that she undertook – Director of Religious Education and RCIA, visits to nursing homes and the homebound, Bible study groups, sacramental preparation, prayer services and funerals, Advent and Lenten retreats, vacation bible school, liturgy preparation, Moms' retreats, grief groups -- and the list goes on! In addition, she found time to plant a garden, freeze and can the vegetables, make quilts, practice piano, and care for her faithful canine companion, Duffy.

Busy though she may have been, relationships were primary. Keeping connected with community and family was of utmost importance. She corresponded faithfully, not only with family and community, but also with friends she made in each of her ministries. She maintained an up-to-date family history, keeping track of multiple generations of nieces and nephews. Even in these last weeks while she was in hospice care, she prepared gifts for upcoming family weddings and baptisms.

Sister Mary Hubert's body will return to St. Joseph Chapel at 3:30 on Friday, April 20, 2018, and her wake will be from 3:30 – 8 p.m. with a Prayer Service of Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Her wake will continue Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Her funeral Mass, also in St. Joseph Chapel, will be at 1 p.m. to allow more of her family to attend.

Sister Mary Hubert is survived by her brother, Stephen, and two sisters, Kathleen Schafer and Joan Luke. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, all of whom she cherished. Let us hold her family close in prayer as they mourn the loss of her earthly presence.

In a 2002 email to the Leadership Team, Sister Mary Hubert wrote, "The world is so big and there are so many needs. So many times, I feel God is right here just leading me right where I need to be. It is often an awesome feeling and almost unbelievable. I see Christ all over and I try to bring him all over to people."

Indeed, Sister Mary Hubert did see Christ in others and brought Christ's continuing presence to so many. We rejoice with her that she is now free of pain and is seeing Christ face to face.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Janice". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Sr. Janice Bader