

Sister Philip Marie Burle, C.PP.S.

Born: September 21, 1933

Professed: August 10, 1957

Entered into Life: April 4, 2022

Verse on her memorial card:

"You will receive power from my Holy Spirit to witness for me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" – Acts 1:8



April 7, 2022

Dear Sisters,

At 2:21 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022, our Sister Philip Marie Burle took her last breath. Surrounded by three of her nieces and two hospice caregivers, she slipped peacefully away into the arms of God.

Marlene Mary Senora Burle was born on September 21, 1933. She was the second of three children of Philip and Mary (Abdelah) Burle. She was baptized on October 15, 1933 at St. Mary's Church in St. Louis.

Marlene entered our novitiate in 1955 and received the name, Sister Philip Marie. She professed first vows on August 10, 1957. She completed a bachelor's degree at Fontbonne College and a master's degree in Counseling and Guidance at St. Louis University.

Sister Philip Marie's first assignment was as an elementary school teacher at St. Peter School in Mendota, Minnesota. In Missouri, she taught elementary grades at Sacred Heart, Caruthersville; St. Agnes, Bloomsdale; St. Stephen Protomartyr and St. Clement, St. Louis; and Our Lady of Fatima and Most Sacred Heart, Florissant. She served in secondary education at Bishop DuBourg High School and St. Elizabeth Academy, both in St. Louis.

In the late 1960's, Sister Philip Marie became active in the Charismatic Prayer movement, leading prayer groups and retreats. In 1970, she and our former Sister Sharon Ann Plankenhorn began giving eight-week Holy Spirit Seminars. This led to the publication of their co-authored book, *You Will Receive Power, A Holy Spirit Seminar*. Since that time, the book has been re-published many times and in many languages under Sister Philip Marie's name. Sister Philip Marie also authored *Praying the Scriptures of the Rosary and the Way of the Cross, Praying the Scriptures of the Rosary of the Mysteries of Light and Parallel Sacraments*

(which also has children's edition with a coloring / activity book), and *Following Jesus on Pilgrimage in the Holy Land: Guide and Journal*.

What began as a ministry of retreats and conferences in the St. Louis Archdiocese, soon spread to other areas of the United States and then to countries throughout the world. Sister Philip Marie has led retreats on six continents, and she has conducted numerous tours to the Holy Land. She has appeared on television in the United States, the Philippines, Zambia, the US Armed Forces Television in Japan, and on Mother Angelica Live with EWTN. She also was featured on Women of Grace Talk Radio, Radio Maria of Toronto, Canada, and Caritas Radio of the Philippines.

Sister Philip Marie, who was very dedicated to her ministry, had friends throughout the world. They were very grateful for her spiritual guidance as well as for her assistance in many other ways. A sister from the Philippines wrote, "I remember with deep gratitude how when I was so anxious about being alone at the airport in Rome you came as an answer to my prayer. You did not only take me safely to our convent in Jerusalem from Tel-Aviv, but you even took the trouble of taking me along with your group for the pilgrimage of the Holy Land."

Though her travels took her away from our community for much of her life, she indicated that she was always proud to tell retreatants and pilgrims that she was a Sister of the Most Precious Blood. Just recently, she expressed her desire to be faithful to her vows until the end of her life.

Sister Philip Marie was preceded in death by her parents and by her half-sister, Velma Simon, and her brother John (Jane) Burle. She is survived by five nieces, Ann Allen, Mary Clare Galarza, Ellen Buehler, Marlene Burle, and Joan Schoeffel, and by great-nieces and nephews. Sister loved her family deeply, and they loved and admired her. Please keep them in your prayers during this difficult time.

Funeral services for Sister Philip Marie will be private. A public celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

Sister Philip Marie chose Acts 1:8 as the quote for her memorial card: "You will receive power from my Holy Spirit to witness for me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This verse certainly describes her life. Let us all join in praying that her message of God's love will permeate the hearts of all who knew her.

Sincerely,

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

Sr. Janice Bader