



**In death,  
we say our ultimate yes  
to our Creator.  
Trusting in God's power  
to bring us to fulfillment of life,  
we see death as an act of worship:  
in dying, we proclaim God, God;  
and ourselves, creatures.**

**Although in grief,  
the community gratefully affirms this,  
our final earthly proclamation  
of the good news...  
In hope and peace,  
we enter into the joy of the Lord!**

*You Are Sent #47*



*Sister Marcella (August Marie) Glosemeyer*

*Born*  
**January 20, 1918**

*Professed*  
**July 31, 1942**

*Ministry*  
**elementary educator, musician, librarian ~  
California, Illinois, Missouri**

*Died*  
**March 17, 2008**



**School Sisters of Notre Dame  
of St. Louis**

The only child of Anna (Binsbacher) and August Glosemeyer was born on a farm near Washington, MO, on January 20, 1918. It was a snowy winter and neighbors cleared the road so the doctor could reach the home. The next day, her uncle walked across the frozen Missouri River to notify her god-mother-to-be of her arrival. She was baptized at St. Francis Borgia Church in Washington on January 22 and named Marcella Rose.

As an only child, Marcella had to find her own ways to entertain herself. When she started grade school, it was an adjustment to be with so many children. She was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Francis Borgia grade and high school. After graduation, she was employed at the local Soil Conservation Office as a secretary. Her parents wished her to work and learn what it meant to make a living before entering religious life. Years later, a cousin told her that her mother had made a covenant with God – if He gave her a child, she would offer the child back to Him, if He so desired.

Marcella entered the candidature on August 31, 1938. After two years of junior college, she was missioned to St. Francis of Assisi, Brookhaven, MS, to teach intermediate students. She was received into the novitiate on July 30, 1941, and given the name August Marie after her father. Profession of first vows was July 31, 1942, and final vows July 31, 1948.

For 41 years following profession, Sister Marcella taught in elementary schools and was a music teacher in school and in the parish. She ministered at St. Joseph, St. Louis, MO; Our Lady of Lourdes, Washington, MO; St. Mary, St. Luke, St. Henry in Belleville, IL; Sacred Heart, Du Quoin, IL; and St. Agatha, New Athens, IL. In 1973, she was missioned to St. Hilary, Pico Rivera, CA. She taught for one year, and the

next nine years, she was librarian and music teacher for grades 1-8. In 1983, she began working as an assistant librarian at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, CA. In 1992, she became a volunteer librarian at Christ the King School in Los Angeles until her retirement in 2003.



The move to St. John of God Retirement and Care Center in Los Angeles provided her the opportunity to visit residents, read to them, greet them in the hallways and pray for them. In January 2008, SSNDs and friends came together to celebrate her 90th birthday. During the past years, she experienced much

physical pain due to arthritis, knee replacements, etc. In March 2008, she returned to St. John of God after spending several weeks at St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles. She died peacefully at 12:25 a.m. on March 17, 2008, at St. John of God from complications following pneumonia, pleurisy and bronchitis.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John of God Retirement Center on March 19, 2008, with five priests concelebrating and SSNDs, friends, colleagues present. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery in Los Angeles. A memorial Mass was celebrated at the motherhouse on April 2, 2008. Relatives, friends and SSNDs were present for this remembrance.

Sister Marcella loved to read, work puzzles, listen to music and correspond with family and friends. Her 35 years in California gave her a love for the ocean, the mountains and all of God's beauty in nature. She had a great zest for life and participated in the activities of the sisters. Her daily prayer to know God more intimately, love God more ardently and serve God more faithfully enabled her to face each day with a smile and to count her blessings even when she experience great pain. May she now rejoice in beholding the beauty of God face to face!

