



**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 Clara Amann

Born
December 2, 1911

Professed
August 7, 1934

Ministry
**director of Ecclesiastical Department, cook,
seamstress, laundress, housekeeper ~
Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri,
Mississippi, Texas**

Died
November 14, 2007



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

On December 2, 1911, the 10th of 13 children was born to Magdalen (Phelph) and Julius Amann in Belleville, IL. She was baptized on December 7 at St. Peter Cathedral, Belleville, and given the name Clara Mary. She grew up with five brothers and seven sisters, two of whom entered SSND: Sister Julius and Sister Dorine.

Clara completed seven grades at a public school in Shiloh Valley, a suburb of Belleville. She received religious instructions every Sunday. The deep Christian faith of her parents was evident in the prayer and training the children received. After grade school, she remained home for a year assisting with the household duties of the large family. She then worked for four years in private homes as housekeeper. One evening, she and her sister Corrine (S. Julius) were talking about different sisterhoods. Their mother directed the girls to the SSNDs at St. Luke's in Belleville for further information. With the sisters' encouragement, they decided to enter the candidature, much to the joy and happiness of their parents who had prayed for one of their children to enter religious life.

They entered the candidature on August 31, 1932. In October, Clara was sent to serve as cook at St. Anthony, Quincy, IL, until Christmas. In January 1933, she was missioned to St. Catherine's Hall, our house of studies in St. Louis, MO. She was received into the novitiate on July 19, 1933, and given the name Mary Everarda. She professed first vows on August 7, 1934, and final vows on July 18, 1940.

For 61 years, Sister Clara served as cook, laundress, seamstress and general housekeeper at our missions in six different states: In Missouri - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Louis, and All Souls, Overland. In Illinois - St. Peter Cathedral, Academy of Notre Dame and St. Henry, Belleville;

St. Anthony, Effingham; St. Augustine, Breese; and Quincy Notre Dame, Quincy. In Iowa - St. Mary, Fort Madison. In Texas - St. Gerard Majella, San Antonio, and St. Martin,



Forney. In Louisiana - St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans. In Mississippi - St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa. She served for one year as laundress at the motherhouse and 11 years in the Ecclesiastical Department. She was director of the department for six years. In 1976, she began her ministry in the sewing department at Villa Gesu. After 19 years in the department, she continued to sew part-time for four more years. When the Villa closed in 1999, she was missioned to Veronica House.

As her health deteriorated, she was transferred to Anna House in September 2007. At Anna House, she longed to go home to God. On November 14, 2007, she went for her session in physical therapy. Not feeling well, she sat down, had a massive heart attack, and suddenly and unexpectedly God called her home at 1:30 p.m.

Sister Clara donated her body to St. Louis University School of Medicine. A memorial Mass was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel on November 19, 2007. She is survived by a sister, Stella Habich, and brother, Frederick, both of Belleville, IL. Many relatives, friends and sisters attended the memorial mass.

Sister Clara was an excellent cook and seamstress. Her sunny disposition and cheerful manner endeared her to her companions. A prayerful and charitable woman, she also loved to sing and play practical jokes on her companions. May she now rejoice with her family and friends in eternal life as she receives the reward God promised to those who feed and clothe others.

