

In Memoriam

Sister Angela O'Callaghan

Born into this life: August 8, 1931

Religious Profession: March 8, 1951

Born into Eternity: January 3, 2019

In the little town of Loughfouder, Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry, Ireland, Bridget O'Callaghan was welcomed into the family by her parents, Patrick and Mary. She grew up there with her sisters and brothers, Nora, Jerry, Jimmy, and Mary. The gift of faith, nurtured in the family home, blossomed as she matured. She attended primary school in the town, but then went off to our Cluny secondary school, Mount Sackville, in Dublin, where she continued her academic and religious formation.

During these years, Bridget heard God's call to religious life, and was attracted to the missionary charism of the sisters. Along with the other students, she would have been present when the sisters sang, "Go ye afar; go teach all nations. Bear witness unto me, on earth, in every clime, and I with you will be until the end of time," as different sisters were sent off to foreign missions. We can imagine her heart quickening at the thought of these young women setting out for the unknown together; her wondering about her own future, and where the life of a missionary might lead her in foreign lands. She would probably have met sisters returning from the missions as well: some for an infrequent home visit, others in their old age, returning to the land of their birth. All able to share stories that intrigued the young students.

Bridget was received into the novitiate in Gallen Priory, Ferbane, County Offaly, and took the name Sister Angela in 1949. She made her first vows there in March of 1951. Together with her companions, Sisters Lelia Clarke, Ena Maguire, Laetitia O'Donoghue and Loretto Moynihan, she set out for the United States. She first ministered in SS Peter and Paul School in Wilmington, CA, and then at St. Catherine Laboure School in Torrance, CA. Moving back East, she served at Cluny School in Newport for many years. During that time, she volunteered with Newport Hospice soon after its founding, delighted to offer a few hours of respite to caregivers on weekends.

Upon leaving the classroom, Sister Angela moved to the Cathedral Parish in Providence, RI where she ministered to the elderly in low income housing and in



Sister Angela O'Callaghan

nursing homes. When illness required that she move to St. Clare Home in Newport, RI, Sister Angela continued her mission through presence and prayer among the other patients.

Many are the testimonials of her interest in others, her caring ways, and her spirit of faith. Her rosary was rarely far from her hands. Those of us who lived with her will always remember her devotion to us when we were struck down by cold or 'flu, and her beautiful, welcoming smile. She is missed by family, friends, and all of her Cluny sisters.

Associate Margo Sullivan

Margo FitzGerald Sullivan, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, went home to God on November 1, 2018. Margo was serious about her life of faith, and used to attend regular days of recollection that Sister Eugenia Brady led at the new Salve Regina University Chapel. Margo became attracted to Blessed Anne Marie's missionary zeal that led her to travel widely from Europe to Africa and South America. Her attraction to our founder and her spirituality led her to join the Associate group. She is remembered as a caring and gentle person, and is greatly missed.