



## *Sr. Francis Anne Harper, OSF Professed 1948*

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John O'Donohue

Sister Francis Anne Harper, OSF, (93) died in Assisi House on October 1. She was born in Baltimore (Dolores Genevieve Harper) and was a proud graduate of the Catholic High School of Baltimore. During her 72 years of ministry, Francis Anne served primarily in health care—ministries that took her to the Dioceses of Philadelphia, Allentown, Harrisburg, and Baltimore. Referring to her years in ministry, Francis Anne once wrote, "I feel that I have had a very productive and rewarding life as a community member and in the health care field—for which I thank God daily." Her ability as a "leader" stretched beyond appointments to supervisory positions and eventually to that of hospital president. She also contributed to the care of our elderly sisters by chairing committees both on additions to Assisi House and on environmental services for senior sisters. She also served on the Senior Sisters Advisory Board.



Underlying Francis Anne's gifts and her productive contributions to the health care community was her belief in and ability to live out of her Franciscan vocation. In her reflection on the occasion of her diamond jubilee, Francis Ann wrote, "For me, being a Franciscan means being happy in whatever I do. I've loved our sisters all my life and I love them just as much today as I did in the beginning. If I could do it all over again, I definitely would." She reiterated that feeling on the recent information update form. Responding to the request for a "reflection on your life as a Sister of St. Francis," Francis simply wrote, "Best thing I ever did...never regretted one minute of it!"

Poet John O'Donohue wrote, "Stay in love with life and that will guide you to everything." Francis Anne, your history, your experiences, and your gifts reflect for us a lifetime of love and of loving service guided by our God who **is** Love! Rest now in God's deep love for you and in an eternity of peace that knows no end!

*All services will be held in Assisi House on Tuesday, October 6, at 11 A.M.,  
and will be private. Burial will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Aston.*

