



*Sister Catherine Therese Keller
Professed 1960*

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Sister Catherine Therese Keller died in Assisi House on December 24. She had been professed for 60 years and had spent most of those years in education both as a teacher and principal. Her ministries took her to the Dioceses of Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Mobile. Looking back over her 60 years as a Sisters of St. Francis, Catherine saw her life in community as a blessing—a “family” where she found “love and support.” Looking back over her years in the congregation, she recently expressed her appreciation for changes in lifestyle and methods of discernment that utilize personal gifts and abilities.



Friends remember Catherine as being kind to everyone. She was also a good listener. Because she was known to be nonjudgmental, people felt comfortable with her—whether it be students, parents, coworkers, or friends from high school. In fact, many friends from her high school days continued to keep in touch. Catherine was always able to remain calm and collected, thus being able to relate well in situations that others might find difficult or threatening. In whatever work she was engaged, she was conscious of the needs of others and always managed to find needed food and a place to stay for those experiencing hard times. Similarly she was often a “safe harbor” for students in difficult situations. In short, Catherine was good at building and maintaining relationships.

Poet John O’Donohue wrote, “At Christmas, time deepens. The Celtic imagination knew that time is eternity in disguise... Christmas reminds us to glory in the simplicity and wonder of one day. It unveils the extraordinary that our hurried lives conceal and neglect.” Your loving God chose to bring you to experience Christmas in the heavenly realm of God’s light. You did, indeed, live a busy life but always had time to relate with and listen to those who needed your care and concern. Rest now in the ongoing love of the God who created you and loved you into eternity.

*All services will be held at Assisi House on Tuesday, January 5, and will be private.
Mass of Christian Burial at 11 A.M. Burial will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.*

