

DOROTHY DOLAK

Sister Dorothy Dolak, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, was called to her heavenly home on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at the age of 80, and in the 60th year of her professed religious life at Vincentian Home, after a brief illness. Dorothy was born on February 18, 1944, in Donora, PA, to Stephen and Margaret (Simonik) Dolak. She was the middle child of three daughters. She was pre-deceased by her parents; and her older sister Margie; and is survived by her younger sister Cindy.

Dorothy entered the Vincentian Sisters of Charity (VSC) as a candidate from St. Dominic's Parish, Donora PA, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on September 8, 1961, and made her perpetual vows on August 15, 1964. In 2008, she transferred her vows when the Vincentian Sisters of Charity merged with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

Sister Dorothy's dream was fulfilled when she began teaching in 1964. She had a Bachelor of Science in Education from LaRoche College, and a Master of Arts in teaching, with an administration certification from Duquesne University. Sister Dorothy not only taught at many local grade schools, she also served as principal throughout the Pittsburgh area, ending a 40 year teaching career as principal at Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy in 2014.

In between her teaching career, starting in November of 1990, Sister Dorothy took classes at Scranton University and became a licensed nursing administrator. The community assigned her to work as Administrator at Regency Nursing Home for eleven years, until she returned to teaching. Retiring from full-time ministry in 2014, she took on a variety of volunteer jobs including: tutoring for the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, part-time cemetery associate for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, a volunteer driver for her sisters, and Light of Life Mission Food Bank worker, until she recently suffered a fall sending her to Vincentian Home for rehabilitation.

She is survived by her remaining sister, as well as her religious community, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Funeral and burial arrangements include viewing at St. Louise Convent Chapel, at 8200 McKnight Road, on Friday, September 6, 2024, beginning at 8:30 AM followed by the Funeral Mass at 11 AM. Burial will follow in the Sisters' Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Office of Mission Advancement; P.O. Box 9; Nazareth, Kentucky 40048. A more robust obituary may be found at

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