

## OBITUARY OF SISTER MARY ANDREA KLAMECKI, CSSF

**SISTER MARY ANDREA**, Helen Klamecki of Alpena, Michigan, age 91, religious 72 years, entered eternal life December 10, 2009 at Blessed Mary Angela Convent, Livonia, MI.

Helen, born on the January 4, 1918 to Andrew and Antonina (Kaszuba), was Baptized on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 1918, at St. Mary Church, Alpena. She attended St. Mary Grade School with her two sisters: the late Victoria Fenski and Bernice (Sister Mary Dina).

Her sister, Bernice, was in her third year at the Seminary of the Felician Sisters, Livonia, Michigan when Helen followed in her footsteps. Answering God's gentle call, Helen was accepted into the postulancy in Detroit on June 24, 1937 and was invested as a Novice on August 15, 1938 receiving the name, Sister Mary Andrea. She pronounced first vows in 1939 and she professed perpetual vows on August 15, 1945.

She obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Madonna University and a Master Degree in Education from University of Detroit. Sister performed the ministry of teaching with excellence, expertise, enthusiasm and care for **61 years** of her religious life.

Throughout Michigan and Ohio Sister taught primary grades at:

Patronage of St. Joseph and Immaculate Conception in Detroit; St. Florian, Hamtramck; St. Joseph, Manistee; St. Stanislaus, Bay City; St. Stephen, New Boston; St. Louis, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; St. John Vianney and St. Jude, Grand Rapids; St. Damian, Garden City; Immaculate Conception, Alpena, St. Thecla, Clinton Township.

Sister Andrea loved the little children and used many visual aids along with drills, games and stories to stimulate interest and eagerness to learn. Many years of teaching experience were evident as she prepared the little ones for the future by teaching them good study habits, the love of God and neighbor, and training them in discipline and self-control.

Faithful to her prayer life and to devotion to the Eucharist, she could always be found at 3:00 p.m. before the Eucharistic Lord and would remain in chapel through recitation of the rosary and common prayer.

In August of 2006 Sister Mary Andrea was permanently transferred to Blessed Angela Convent of the infirmary and took up the ministry of prayer. In the early morning of December 10, 2009, with Sister Dina Klamecki, her older sister, at her side, Sister Mary Andrea breathed her last and peacefully journeyed to eternity to meet the Lord whom she faithfully served for 91 years, 72 in religious life. She is survived by her sister, Sister Mary Dina Klamecki.

The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. by Reverend Timothy Babcock, chaplain, in the chapel of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Convent of the Felician Sisters, Livonia, Michigan. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan.