

## Obituary of Sister Mary Mildred Bandyk, CSSF

**SISTER MARY MILDRED**, Hedwig Bandyk of Detroit, Michigan, age 95, religious 77 years, entered eternal life June 2, 2010 in Blessed Mary Angela Convent, Livonia, Michigan.

Born on October 3, 1914, in Detroit, Michigan, Hedwig was the third of ten children born to John and Mary (Ostafin). She attended St. Hedwig Elementary School and the Seminary of the Felician Sisters (Felician Academy) in Detroit.

Accepted into the Felician Congregation In 1933 Hedwig was invested with the Felician habit and received the name, Sister Mary Nepomucene, later changed to Sister Mary Mildred. First Profession of vows was in 1935 and Final Profession in 1941.

Sister Mildred earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Madonna University and a Master of Arts from St. Bonaventure University in New York. As both teacher and principal her ministry of teaching spanned 50 years at the following schools: St. Stanislaus, St. Casimir, Our Lady Help of Christians, and St. Andrew, all in Detroit; St. Joseph and Lumen Christi, Jackson; St. Michael and Ladywood High School, Livonia; St. Valentine, Redford; Holy Spirit, Grand Rapids; St. Mary, Parisville; St. Florian, Hamtramck; St. Damian, Westland; and Catholic Central, Manistee.

Sister Mildred served the Montessori Center of Our Lady as the Secretary / Receptionist for the last eleven years of active ministry.

A woman of deep prayer, her daily hour of adoration before the Eucharistic Lord was a source of strength and peace. Sister emanated a true Franciscan-Felician spirit.

In 2003 Sister was permanently assigned to Blessed Angela Convent in the infirmary. At 12:05 p.m., June 2, 2010, death came suddenly and unexpectedly. Sister Mildred journeyed to meet the One whom she so faithfully served for 95 years, 77 in religious life. She is survived by her brother Walter and sisters Josephine Bandyk, Joan Pillon, Frances Robinson, Rita Ossy and Teresa Gillis.

Translation service and Morning Prayer were conducted on Friday, June 4, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. by Reverend Timothy Babcock. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated by Father Babcock at 10:00 a.m. in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel of the Felician Sisters Central House in Livonia, Michigan. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan.