

## **Obituary of Sister Brigette Mary Ventline, CSSF**

**SISTER BRIGETTE MARY VENTLINE** of Kinde, Michigan, age 88 religious 69 years, entered eternal life February 21, 2010 in Blessed Mary Angela Convent, Livonia, Michigan.

Born August 31, 1921 and baptized at St. Mary Church in Kinde, Brigette was the sixth of nine children of Frank and Josephine (Polega): George, Gertrude, Steve, Mary, Theophil, Brigette (Sister Brigette Mary), Margaret, Hattie, and Bernice.

After eight years in the Peyok Public School in Kinde, she enrolled at the Felician Academy in Detroit and in 1941 was accepted into the Felician Congregation. At the Investiture Ceremony in August, 1942, Brigette received the Felician habit and the name, Sister Mary Scholastica, later changed to Brigette Mary. First Profession of Vows was on August 12, 1943 and Final Profession on August 14, 1949.

Sister received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mary Manse College in Toledo, Ohio, and for 30 years taught primary and secondary grades at the following schools: St. Florian and Corpus Christi, Hamtramck; St. John Cantius, Our Lady Help of Christians, St. Josaphat, and Assumption, all in Detroit; Our Lady of Refuge, Orchard Lake; St. Valentine and St. Hilary, Redford; St. Joseph, Jackson; St. Hyacinth and St. Stanislaus, Bay City; Holy Spirit and St. Jude, Grand Rapids; St. Joseph, Manistee; St. Anthony, Toledo; Holy Family, South Bend, Indiana. Sister was also the principal at St. Joseph, Jackson and at St. Bernadette, Dearborn.

After a number of years in the classroom Sister requested a change in ministry. She attended workshops and enrolled in continuing education classes and was assigned to St. Francis Home in Saginaw, a long term care facility, and St. Joseph Hall, Livonia, as a nurse aide and Physical Therapy Technician. She was assigned to St. Mary Hospital and joined the staff of the Pastoral Care Department in 1986. For another nineteen years she ministered to the patients on the nursing floors and in the mental health department. Prayerful, gentle, compassionate and caring, she listened with an understanding heart to live and share the Gospel message.

Sister was permanently assigned to St. Joseph Convent in 2005. She continued with pastoral work among the sisters in the infirmary until progressing Alzheimer's disease and other medical conditions ended her active ministry. In the early morning hours of Sunday, February 21, 2010, Sister Brigette Mary peacefully took her last breath and journeyed to the Lord whom she so faithfully served. She is survived by two sisters, Mary Weglarz and Bernice Zundl, many nieces, nephews and friends.

The Translation Service was conducted on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer followed at 10:15 a.m. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated by Reverend Lawrence Ventline, a cousin, with concelebrant Reverend Lawrence Kelleher, at 10:30 a.m. in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel of the Felician Sisters, Livonia, Michigan. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan.