
O B I T U A R Y

Sister Claire A. Gallagher, OP

(S. Jeanne Canice)

In the afternoon of May 2nd, Sister Claire Gallagher was called by God to her eternal home. She was 89 years old and had dedicated 70 years of her life as a Dominican sister.

On September 11, 1934, Marcella (Magrath) Gallagher and George Gallagher welcomed their second daughter into this world. They named her Claire. They brought Claire home to Brooklyn. Fourteen Holy Martyrs Parish and School played an important part in Claire's life. The Sisters of Saint Dominic taught there. Claire went to Our Lady of Wisdom High School. Claire chose her teacher, Sister Ann Joseph, to be her sponsor when her call to Dominican life became clear to her.

On September 12, 1953, Claire entered the Novitiate in Amityville. She was given the habit and received her religious name Sister Jeanne Canice on August 4, 1954. She pronounced her first vows on August 8, 1955 and final vows on August 8, 1958.

Claire earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences General from Saint John's University. She received Permanent Certification in Social Studies from New York State and Permanent Certification in Business Management from the American

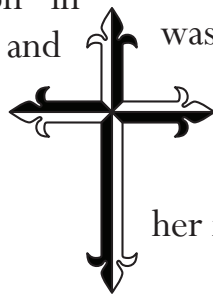


“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

- Mark 10:13-16

Claire's first ministry was teaching in St Pancras School, Glendale from 1955-1966. She then went on to teach in St. Catherine of Sienna School, St. Albans from 1966-1968. She served as Principal at St Patrick School, Huntington from 1968-1971 and of Our Lady of Hope School, Middle Village from 1971-1972. She worked at the Finance Office of the Brooklyn Diocese from 1973 to 2006. Claire worked very hard at this office trying to keep the schools in poorer areas open. After retirement, Claire volunteered at Laboure Special Education Program sponsored by the Department of Education, Brooklyn, New York as a mentor from 2007-2011. In 2007 when Claire was living in St. Catherine of Sienna in Franklin Square, she became friendly with the new Administrator of the parish, Fr. Ed Sheridan. He had been assigned there just six months after his ordination. She was teaching Religious Education there. He was amazed by her confidence in the power of prayer. They have remained good friends since then.

Claire was a quiet person, faithful to prayer, and very inclusive. She kept up to date and was clear about her wants and needs. She enjoyed reading, doing puzzles, and interactive games. Claire loved dishes, plants and flowers. She was faithful to her family, and her family was faithful to her.



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Claire's favorite treat was her mother's cakes!

Claire was predeceased by her parents and by her sister Marcella. She will be dearly missed by the Kaiser children - Jeanne, Barbara, Amy, William, James, Timothy, Michael and Eric.

All services for our dear Sister Claire will take place in St. Albert Chapel at Queen of the

Rosary Motherhouse. Visitations will take place on Friday, May 5, 2023 at 9:45 AM. A Prayer Service will begin at 10:15 AM. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow immediately at 10:45 AM. Interment will follow in St. Dominic Cemetery located on the Motherhouse Grounds.