

Sister M. Lucide Maytrott, OP

“After bidding them farewell,
He left for the mountain to pray.”
- Mark 6:46

On January 11, 2024, following the Feast of the Epiphany, our Sister Lucide Maytrott, who had faithfully manifested God’s goodness throughout her life, was quietly called home by the God she had served so well. Sr. Lucide was five days shy of her 97th birthday, and she had been a Sister of St. Dominic of Amityville for 78 years.



On January 16, 1927, Laurette Anne Maytrott was born in Queens Village, New York (NY) to George and Anna (Damm) Maytrott. She was the eldest of a close-knit group of siblings: her brother George, her sister Edna, and herself. By her own admission, Lucide was the “imp”, dependably the one to try out a joke on someone, to cause trouble, or to be a part of it. She went on to graduate in 1945 from Dominican Commercial High School where she met the Dominican sisters.

On September 8, 1945, Lucide entered the Novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. Her life-long friend, Sister Theresa McCombe, remembers meeting Lucide at Sign-up Day in Brooklyn earlier that year, and they were forever partners for all ceremonies and events as members of the Lilac set.

On August 4, 1946, Laurette received the habit and her religious name, Sister Lucide, a name she used for the rest of her life. She professed First Vows on August 7, 1947 and Final Vows on August 7, 1949.

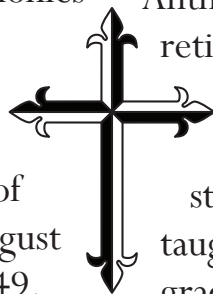
Lucide received a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University and a Master of Arts in Elementary Education degree from Hunter College. She later received a Master of Arts in Theology from St. Michael’s College in Vermont.

Lucide began her long ministry as an educator in 1947 in St. Martin of Tours, Amityville. She then moved on to Fourteen Holy Martyrs School in Brooklyn and then back to Queens to Incarnation School and to St. Margaret School in Middle Village.

Always a grounded and spiritual person, Lucide felt called to contemplative life, and in 1959 she received permission to transfer to Corpus Christi Monastery, Bronx, NY. She lived a unique experience there, yet after a short time, felt drawn back to her educational ministry with the Amityville sisters.

She continued to teach elementary grades in schools in Brooklyn and Long Island from 1961 through 1983. In 1983, she moved to Christ the King Convent in Commack and began teaching Religion (Theology) at St. Anthony’s High School in Huntington. She retired in 2006 as an assistant librarian and general office worker.

A dedicated teacher who had her students’ best interests at heart, she taught a sight-impaired student in her 2nd grade class in Incarnation how to type on



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a typewriter so she could get her homework done. Lucide later learned Braille and was an itinerant teacher of blind children in Brooklyn while stationed at Holy Cross Convent from 1961-1965.

The sisters who lived with Lucide spoke of her kindness, generosity, and prayerfulness. She had a spirituality that was lived, preached by her life, and from which one could learn. She was very sociable and always open to join in with any idea. She was a good community member and had a dry sense of humor. Being with her meant you were sure to be laughing.

Lucide had her practical skills as well. She was a wonderful cook and really enjoyed cooking; she always donned her apron before getting started. She was a seamstress who, while in Holy Cross Convent in Brooklyn, would make shrouds for Third Order Dominicans' burials. Beyond these domestic skills, Lucide was very athletic. She loved to swim and was Captain of the Swim Team at St. Anthony's High School. In the almost 30 years that she lived in Commack, she parked her bike outside the back door, and she rode throughout the parish.

Back in the summer of 1963, Sister Angela LaVecchi remembers having a gift of \$5.00 and asking Lucide what to do with it. Lucide responded, "Grab your mantle; I know what to do with it!" They went to a local store and bought bags of chocolates and candies which they stored in the "shroud room" and enjoyed

all summer. Everyone knew that Lucide loved her chocolate.

Lucide moved to Rosary Hall in Amityville in 2011, and part of her daily routine was to go upstairs to visit with the sisters who either were living in Carlin Hall or were recovering there from illnesses. She was sociable and loved to talk with sisters and share good stories. When she herself moved to Carlin Hall, she remained independent and self-directed and could be depended upon to knock on a door and say, "Get your jacket, and let's go for a walk." Sister Theresa Regan remembers that Lucide would walk so fast that Theresa would need to call and ask her, "Please slow down!"

Sister Lucide is now among the wise and faithful who line the halls of heaven. She was welcomed by her parents and her siblings George and Edna. She is survived by nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and her Dominican sisters. She will be missed, especially by those in her Lilac set, Sisters Theresa McCombe, Anna Mae Rochford, and Adele (Jeremy) Rueth.

The wake and funeral for our Sister Lucide Maytrott will take place in St. Albert Chapel on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Visitation will be at 9:45 AM with a Prayer Service at 10:15 AM followed by the Mass of Christian Burial and Interment in St. Dominic Cemetery on the Motherhouse grounds.
