

**Sister Jonathan Lynch, OP**

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In the late evening of February 4, 2024, our beloved Sister Jonathan Lynch was called home to the God she had loved and served as a Sister of St. Dominic for almost 75 years. Sister was 96 years old.

On August 20, 1927, Edward and Ascension Garriga Lynch welcomed twin daughters, Joan and Anne, both of whom were destined to be Sisters of St. Dominic. Joan, along with her sisters and brothers, was raised in Richmond Hill, New York (NY).

After graduating from high school, Joan went to Mary Immaculate School of Nursing, Jamaica, NY, to study to be a Registered Nurse (R.N.). Then on September 8, 1949, she entered the Novitiate at Amityville, and on August 4, 1950, she received the habit and her religious name, Sister Jonathan. She pronounced first vows on August 6, 1951 and final vows on August 6, 1954.

Jonathan received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at St. John's University, Jamaica, NY, and both a Master of Arts, and a Master of Education at Teacher's College, Columbia University, NY.

A skilled and dedicated nurse, she first ministered as the R.N. at the Motherhouse in Amityville. From 1951 to 1954, she was a staff nurse at St. Catherine Hospital, Brooklyn, NY. For the next seven years, Jonathan was Director of the Pediatric



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“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest.”  
- Galatians 6:8

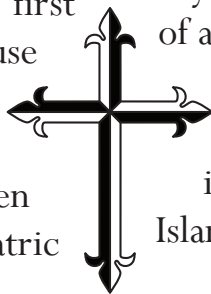
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Outpatient Clinic in San Juan, Puerto Rico. While there, she lived in community at Convento Santo Tomas de Aquino, San Juan. From 1962-1966, Jonathan was an instructor at St. Catherine School of Nursing, Brooklyn. In 1966, she joined the faculty at Molloy College as

Assistant Professor of Nursing, and in 1975 she assumed the role of Director of Health-related Services at the College. During her years at Molloy Jonathan shared community at Maria Regina Hall. Among the faculty and students, Jonathan was known as a caring and compassionate person, a nurse to her fingertips. Maya Angelou once suggested that nurses have the opportunity to heal the minds, souls, hearts, and bodies of their patients. We can only imagine the hundreds of hearts and lives Jonathan touched during her decades-long nursing ministry!

In 1985, Jonathan returned to Amityville, first as the Motherhouse Nurse, then as a volunteer in retirement. For many years she was leader of song at Masses and liturgical celebrations. A deeply prayerful woman, she truly embraced the active-contemplative life of a Dominican sister.

Jonathan and her twin, Sister Ascension, enjoyed vacations together in Aquebogue on the North Fork of Long Island and in Far Rockaway. During the



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summer months, she was a regular at the pool in Amityville relishing the sun, the water, and the company. Time with her family members was always important, and she remained close to them.

Jonathan was predeceased by her parents, stepmother, brothers, and sisters. She is survived by her cherished twin, Sister Ascension, by her nieces and nephew and their families, and by her loving sisters in community.

The wake and funeral for our Sister Jonathan will take place in St. Albert Chapel on Thursday, February 8, 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.

*~May our beloved Sister Jonathan be held in the gentle arms of God~*

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