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Memorandum

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Date: January 29, 2024

Subject: Death of Sister Mary Joseph Palma

Dear Sisters and Colleagues,

Sister Mary Joseph Palma, age 88, passed peacefully this morning, January 29, 2024, at SSM Franciscan Courts in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Sister Mary Jo was one of seven children (two brothers, Francis and Gerald, and four sisters, Betty, Margie, Sister Bernadette-SSM, and Mary) born to Francis and Bernadine Palma on October 10, 1935. Sister Mary Jo was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Francis.

Homecoming will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Franciscan Courts in Oshkosh. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2nd, followed by burial in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Oshkosh, WI. Father William Hower will be the presider.

Homecoming and Funeral Mass services will be livestreamed at the following link: [SSM Franciscan Courts Live Stream](#)

Blessings,

Sr. Lois Bush, Regional Superior