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Memorandum

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Subject: Death of Sister Mary Cecile Paulik

Dear Sisters and Colleagues,



Sister M. Cecile Paulik, age 94, passed into the arms of our loving God on Monday, August 12, 2024, at Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother Franciscan Courts in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Sister Mary Cecile, born April 18, 1930, in Oshkosh, WI, was named and baptized Dorothy Anna. She was the oldest of ten children born to Edward and Hedwig (Baszkowski) Paulik having six brothers and three sisters. Dorothy Anna entered the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother on February 2, 1947, in Milwaukee, WI and professed first vows on August 12, 1949, receiving the name Sister Mary Cecile.

Sister Cecile will be remembered for her ministries as a teacher earning her Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University with a teaching major in English along with a major in mathematics. She went on to earn a Master of Science degree in mathematics and a second BS degree in accounting from Marquette University. She spent almost twenty years in education, ministering mainly at the two convent schools of Mother of Sorrows High School and Mater Dolorosa Junior College, focusing on Mathematics and English. After earning another degree in Accounting from Marquette University in 1974, she ministered in accounting for the Congregation and served as Treasurer/Controller for the Milwaukee Province and SSM International Finance, Inc.

In 2011, she moved to Oshkosh, where she began serving in the Regional Administration Office as coordinator of special projects. Through the years, Sister Cecile had served in many ways in social justice efforts for the Congregation, including active membership in Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment. Sister retired to SSM Franciscan Courts in 2018.

Some of her hobbies were playing cards once a month with her family, gardening and sharing the produce with the sisters, and baking Lebkuchen for the sisters and others at Christmas. She was well known for her musical abilities on the organ and string instruments.

Sister Cecile is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Elaine Fisher and two brothers, John and Ralph. She is survived by four brothers (Robert, Gerald, Hugo, and Richard) and two sisters (Beatrice Bougie and Elizabeth Morgan).

Homecoming will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Franciscan Courts in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 21st, followed by burial in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Oshkosh, WI. Father Bill Hower will be the presider. Homecoming and Funeral Mass services will be livestreamed at the following link: [SSM Franciscan Courts Live Stream](#)