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Memorandum

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From: **Sister Lois Bush, Delegation Superior**
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Date: **November 5, 2026**

Subject: **Death of Sister M. Corita Ortiz**

Dear Sisters and Colleagues:



Sister Mary Corita Ortiz, age 100, died on November 5, 2026 at SSM Franciscan Courts, Oshkosh, Wisconsin after a very brief illness.

Sister Mary Corita, born on July 4, 1926, in El Pueblo, New Mexico, was named and baptized Maria Julianita. She was one of ten children born to Jacobo and Virginia (Gonzales) Ortiz: four brothers and five sisters, all who are deceased. After graduating from the Vincentian Academy in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jualianita entered the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother on August 11, 1945 in Milwaukee, WI and professed first vows on August 12, 1948, receiving the name Sister M. Corita Ortiz.

Funeral arrangements are currently pending at this time. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Please keep Sister Corita in your prayers along with her family members. May she rest in peace in the arms of our loving God.

Grace and peace,
Sister Lois Bush