



Have charity,
guard humility,
hold fast to voluntary poverty..
- Saint Dominic's Last Will & Testament

In Memoriam

Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids Susan Keller, OP

Entered eternal life on July 18, 2017 at the age of 70 after 51 years of religious life

Evening Prayer with Remembering was held Wednesday, July 19, at [Dominican Chapel/Marywood](#)

Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, July 20, 11:30 a.m. at [Dominican Chapel/Marywood](#) (For a Marywood campus map, please [click here](#).)

For Sister Susan's biography, please [click here](#).



Dominican Sister of Sparkill Violet Sampour, OP

Sister Violet Sampour, OP, of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, New York, died from injuries sustained from a motor vehicle accident in Karachi, Pakistan on July 14 2017. At the time of her death, Sr. Violet was living in Multan.



Born in Francisabad, Pakistan, Violet entered the Dominican Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary in Pakistan on April 13, 1986; professed her first vows on February 3, 1989 and her final vows on April 22, 1994.

For many years Sr. Violet served as a nurse/midwife in Bahawalpur, Pakistan working at St. Dominic's Clinic as well as serving the Hindu Tribes in the area. From 1997 until 2013, Sr. Violet was part of the Formation Team working with young women interested in religious life. During this time Sr. Violet also served as Chairperson of the Justice and Peace Commission, Multan. Sister Violet served as the Regional Representative for the Pakistan Community from 2007- 2013 and in 2013 she became the Formation Director and served in this capacity until her death.

Sister Violet Sampour was faithful to the God she loved and to the life she chose as a Dominican Sister more than thirty years ago. We will remember her as a joyful, valiant, strong, patient and loving woman. May the Lord shine His light

upon her and give her eternal rest in the kingdom of heaven.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 11 am.

Dominican Convent
Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel
175 Route 340
Sparkill, NY 10976

Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa Lynn Welsh, OP

Sister Lynn Welsh, OP (Tomaso), died July 18, 2017. Professed in 1955, she taught in the following schools: Holy Rosary, Minneapolis; St. Vincent Ferrer, River Forest, IL; St. Patrick, Ottawa, IL; St. Joseph, Dubuque, IA; and Our Lady of Mercy, Bronx, NY. Sister Lynn served as principal at St. Patrick, Madison, WI; Immaculate Conception, Chicago; St. Luke, River Forest, IL; Most Holy Redeemer, Evergreen Park, IL; and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Palm Coast, FL.



She ministered as coordinator of religious education at St. Bernard Parish and Missions, Blackfoot, ID, and as director of religious education at St. Isidore Parish, Mt. Clemens, MI. While in Chicago, Sister Lynn cared for her family and served the Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation as provincial councilor for the Eastern Province and as a member of the Development Office staff. She ministered as codirector of the reading program at African Caribbean American Catholic Center (AFCAAM), Fort Myers, FL, and volunteered in the Development Office at St. Andrew School, Cape Coral, FL, and in the Fort Myers area. May she rest in peace. [Click here to send a memorial online.](#)

Wake and funeral services will be shared soon. To view wake and funeral services of recently deceased Sisters, go to <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/sinsinawa/> and click on the "On Demand" tab to find the service you wish to view.

Maryknoll Sister Katherine Byrne, MM

Our Sister Kay Byrne died quietly Wednesday evening, June 28, 2017 at our Maryknoll Sisters Center. She was 88 years old and a Maryknoll Sister for 64 years.

Katherine Theresa Byrne was born in Baton Rouge, LA on March 12, 1929 to Marie Fitzgerald and Philip J. Byrne, Jr. She had one brother, Philip J. and one sister, Maryellen. Both her parents and her brother have predeceased her.



While Kay grew up in Westfield, NJ, she had the experience of different cultures having lived for 10 years in both Europe and the West Indies, wherever her

Father's work took the family. She attended Holy Trinity High School in Westfield, NJ graduating in 1946. She then attended the College of Mount St. Vincent, in New York City where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1950. After college, Katherine worked as a nurse in New York Hospital for two years.

On September 2, 1952 she entered the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation from Holy Trinity Parish in Westfield, NJ. Sister Katherine made her First Profession of Vows on September 8, 1955 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, receiving the name of Sister Philip Marie and her Final Vows on September 8, 1961 in Hong Kong.
