



## In Memoriam

### Dominican Sister of Adrian Patrice Eilers, OP

Patrice (S. Anne Patrice) Eilers was born in Seattle, WA in 1928. After graduation from Holy Angels Academy in Seattle, WA, she entered the (then) Everett Dominicans, who later moved their motherhouse to Edmonds, WA. She was a talented musician and teacher. In addition, she was Director of Vocations and Associates as well as Co-Director for Siena Center for Women and Dominican Reflection Center in Edmonds, WA. In 2003, the Edmond's Dominicans merged with the Adrian Dominicans, and Patrice continued to work in Washington. She was Catholic Chaplain at the King County Jail in Seattle, WA for thirty-five years, a ministry which she valued and in which she was appreciated. Patrice died at St. Joseph Residence in Seattle, WA on March 22, 2018 at the age of 89. Funeral was at St. Joseph Residence on March 28th and burial was a Calvary cemetery in Seattle. A memorial Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, April 19th at St. Catherine Chapel in Adrian, MI. For her complete memorial, please [click here](#).



### Dominican Sister of Adrian Rosemary Ferguson, OP

Born on a farm in Spaulding, NE on March 29, 1926, S. Rosemary Ferguson was the youngest of 10 children. Eventually, she and her older sisters moved to Chicago where she met the Adrian Dominican Sisters. In May, 1943, Rosemary entered the Congregation and in January, 1944 she received the habit and the name S. Laurence Edward. She taught in various congregation schools and in 1961, she was appointed Assistant Mistress of Postulants, and in 1965, Mistress of Novices.



During the 1968 General Chapter, she was elected Mother General. She led the sisters through renewal after Vatican II in an exciting, but difficult time. She was a charismatic leader who did everything with grace, direction and good humor.

Within a short time after taking office, she dropped the term “Mother” and chose the title of “Prioress.” In 1974, she was elected to serve a second term and the congregation adopted an “option for the poor,” emphasizing a commitment to social justice.

Rosemary also participated in National Leadership in the LCWR on various liaison committees and served as Chair of the Dominican Leadership Conference.

After leaving office, Rosemary earned a Doctorate in ministry from Aquinas Institute of Theology, Dubuque, IA in 1979 and served as Director of the Center for Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph and Chaplain at St. Luke Hospital and St. Mary Medical Center in Duluth, MN from 1986–1999. She retired to the Dominican Life Center in 1999, but continued serving in various capacities in the Congregation and the community. She died on April 17, 2018 at the age of 92.

Wake will be Sunday, April 22nd from 4:30–7 PM, in the Rose Room of the Dominican Life Center. A 7 PM Vigil Service will follow, and the funeral will be Monday April 23rd at 10:30 AM both in St. Catherine Chapel.

To view her obituary, please [click here](#).

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### **Dominican Sister of Adrian Marie Amada Garcia, OP**

Born in 1919 in Albuquerque, NM, S. Marie Amada Garcia entered religious life in 1938. She taught from 1940–1985 in elementary, high school and college levels. Her proficiency in Spanish helped her in the ministry that followed: as a certified Immigration Counselor for the Las Vegas, NV Catholic Charities, where she served from 1985–2001. She continued to volunteer in Henderson, NV in various ways until her return to Adrian in 2009. Sister passed away at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian on April 10, 2018 at the age of 98. For her complete memorial, please [click here](#).



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### **Maryknoll Sister of Saint Dominic Elizabeth Burns, MM**

Sister Elizabeth Marie Burns, a member of the Maryknoll Sisters Eastern U.S. Region, died on April 14, 2018 in Wethersfield, CT. She was 84 years old and had been a Maryknoll Sister for 62 years. For her complete memorial, please [click here](#).