

July 24, 2015

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Betty Seufert entered her eternal resting place on July 19, 2015. She was the daughter of Cletus and Clara Munchel Seufert. Betty signed her Associate commitment on April 14, 2002. Betty was a holy woman whose Gospel living was witnessed by all those who knew her.



In her years of education Betty attended St. Michael School, Brookville; Immaculate Conception Academy, Oldenburg; and Marian College/University, Indiana. After college, Betty entered the education field and became a teacher. She spent almost 30 years teaching in Roseville MI with some of the Oldenburg Franciscan Sisters.

In her Associate commitment statement, Betty emphasized a desire to live the Gospel values as modeled by St. Francis and St. Clare. Betty had a love for cats and shared her home with several of them. She was committed to caring for mother earth and groomed her flower beds as if they were pictures in a calendar; many of these plants were started as seedlings in her basement. In addition to her own gardens, when her health allowed, she spent a great deal of time helping with the gardens at Michaela Farm. In addition to caring for her cats and mother earth, Betty was actively involved in other forms of community service and outreach. She volunteered in the Development Office of the Sisters of St. Francis, helped Sr. Millie Speed with Little Portion, sang in her parish choir, and volunteered her time and services with her local Urgent Care.

Betty was a faith-filled woman who was continuously looking for ways to nourish her relationship with God. She was an avid reader, a dedicated member of her small Associate group, the "Gubbios," a familiar face at days of retreat and enrichment at the Oldenburg Franciscan Center, which she often referred to as her "home away from home," a participant in parish study groups, and a supportive presence at Associate gatherings. Of all of Betty's traits, most notable was her positive attitude. In one of her written reflections, she noted, "I am so fortunate to have this special connection with the Sisters of St. Francis. It fulfills a deep yearning for meaning and belonging in my heart. In her 2014 Christmas letter, Betty wrote, "I keep a few Christmas things in my living room all year long to remind me of the Incarnate Mystery."

Betty is now experiencing the Incarnate Mystery as she rests in the loving arms of God. Betty will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Rest in peace Betty!

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