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Dear Associates and Sisters,

Associate, Alice Schwab passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2023. Alice was born on December 5, 1934, to the late Edwin and Angela Tasset. She married the late John Schwab in 1995 and together they raised three children John, Patti, and Paul (deceased). Alice was graced with five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



Born and raised in White Oak, Alice attended St. James grade school where she was taught by Franciscan Sisters. She attended Mother of Mercy High School graduating in 1952, yet claimed, her heart was always with the Franciscans; especially since her cousin Sr. Carol Ann Sunderman (deceased) was an Oldenburg Franciscan.

Alice's husband died in 1986 at which time Alice took a part time job with P & G working in the kitchen. In 1993 when she pursued the Associate relationship, she also began planning for her retirement. Alice signed her Associate Commitment on March 26, 1995, with longtime friend, Sr. Bernadette Asbach as her contact person. Prior to Alice signing her commitment, Sr. Bernadette shared the following, "Alice is filled with a deep commitment to spiritual growth. I believe Alice has a desire to live and spread the Gospel."

Alice did just this! She took in her mother when she needed care and then later her son and daughter-in-law when her son was diagnosed with a chronic illness. Alice opened her home to the Associate group affectionately known as the "Troubadours," many of whom were awaiting her arrival at the pearly gates. She had a special ministry of reaching out to new widows offering them hope in seeing they still had a life to live, adding, "and it can even be fun." She was involved in her parish teaching CCD, and reaching out to those who were home bound and or hospitalized by serving as a Eucharistic Minister, as well as volunteering at the Green Township senior center. Alice was also active with the VIS program and as a Minister of Praise.

While Alice had connections with many of the Sisters and Associates, she had a special connection with her sister-in-law, Associate, Joan Tasset. Joan shared how Alice was close to her mother and that she had one of the best mothers in the world. She said she and Alice loved to laugh, and one day Alice called her and told her she needed to come and help her deliver some puppies. The two sat on Alice's garage floor and delivered 11 Hound Dogs. Joan reminisced that after each puppy was born the mother would howl. She was sure one of the neighbors would call the police over the noise that was coming from Alice's garage.

Alice took the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta to heart, "Live simply so others may simply live." She strove to live simply and used the acronym WWJD (What would Jesus Do?) as her guide in life.

Alice, you gave so selflessly here on earth, may you now sit in the loving arms of God and receive what you so graciously shared with others, God's love!

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