



Sister Adela Folick

December 16, 1921 – February 2, 2017

Sister Adela died on February 2, 2017 at Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown. She was 95 years old and was in her 77th year as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

Magdalen was born in Macklin, Saskatchewan, the fourth child of Joseph and Regina (Vetter). She attended the public school in Denzil. While still a young child she found great pleasure in being the “teacher” when playing school with her younger sisters. Her aim in life was to be both a classroom teacher and music teacher. Although Magdalene had not taken music lessons, when she was 11 she was often called upon to play the organ for the junior and senior choirs. Magdalene had not seen a religious, but she was determined to be a sister. When older girls from the parish, entered the convent in Leipzig, Saskatchewan, she decided to follow their example. Her older sister, Teresa, Sister Adelaide, had entered in 1934. In September 1936 when Magdalene was in Grade 10, she went to the Leipzig convent. In December she was on her way to join the candidates in Waterdown. She was received as Novice Mary Adela in August 1939 and the following year professed her vows.

Sister Adela began her teaching career at St. John and St. Joseph Schools in Kitchener, Ontario. She then moved to Leipzig, Saskatchewan where she had the added responsibility as principal. After a year at St. George Secondary School in Wilkie, Sister Adela went to Alberta where she was principal at St. Charles, Mearns. At St. Agnes, Cartier-McGee, Mount Carmel and St. James Schools in Edmonton, she was librarian and guidance counselor. In the local parishes Sister Adela played the organ and directed the choir. On her return to Ontario Sister was on staff at St. Benedict Junior High, Cambridge and Notre Dame Academy, Waterdown.

Sister Adela attained her teacher certification for Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. She received certificates for Vocal Music Supervisor, Liturgical Music and Guidance Specialist. She received her Bachelor of Education for University of Alberta. She, also took several Scripture courses at Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta.

In 1973 Sister Adela became involved in pastoral and parish ministry. She served in this capacity in parishes in Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario and Barnsley, England. In each

of these places she shared her deep love of Scripture with her Bible Study Groups. These were well attended. When she retired to the Notre Dame Convent, Sister Adela, ever the educator, assisted with the Diocesan Catechetical program. She, also, continued as spiritual director.

Sister Adela was interested in current news, particularly world events. She enjoyed participating in art classes. Her pastel floral arrangements are an expression of her beauty and appreciation of creation.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 8, officiated by the chaplain, Rev. P. Labado. Her surviving sisters, Edith Boser, Dora Silbernagel, Bernie Boser, Adella Brophy, Betty Kotowsky, who live in western Canada, were unable to attend the funeral. Her sister, Sister Adelaide SSND predeceased her in 2007.