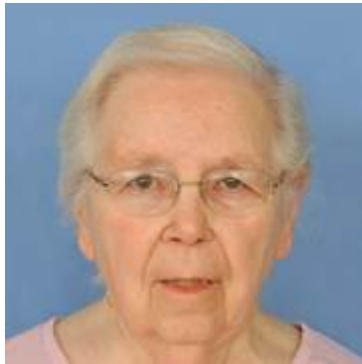


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Sister Dorothy Arthur, SSND
Educator, Administrator, Pastoral Minister



BALTIMORE - Sister Dorothy Arthur died peacefully in the Maria Health Care Center in Baltimore on Feb. 8, 2017. She was 88 years old and a vowed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 64 years.

Dorothy Catherine Arthur was the middle child of three daughters born to Herbert and Marie Allgeier Arthur, on July 6, 1929, in Baltimore. Of her parents, Dorothy said that they “laid the foundation for us to live a balanced life and above all to rely on a Providential God.” Dorothy was baptized at St. Patrick’s Church in Baltimore. She was taught by School Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Andrew’s School, Baltimore. Dorothy received her first Holy Communion May 17, 1937 at St. Andrew’s Church and was confirmed there by Bishop John McNamara March 2, 1941.

Dorothy graduated from St. Andrew’s School in June 1943. With sisters’ encouragement, the aid of a spiritual director and her own prayer, Dorothy decided to enter the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She enrolled in the SSND Aspirature at Fort Lee, New Jersey in September 1947 as a sophomore and completed her high school education after “three joyous years.”

Dorothy received the bonnet of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in her parish church, St. Andrew’s, on August 28, 1950. As a candidate, Dorothy taught sixth, then seventh grade

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Camden, New Jersey. On July 16, 1952, Dorothy was received into the novitiate and was given the name, Sister Herbert Marie, in honor of her father. Sister professed her first vows July 24, 1953.

Sister Herbert Marie was missioned to St. Joseph High School, Rochester, New York to teach commercial classes (1953-57). She taught at Bishop Neumann Business School, Philadelphia (1957-62) and Mount Carmel Business School, Camden, New Jersey (1962-65). She taught business classes at the Institute of Notre Dame, Baltimore (1965-67), and Archbishop Keough High School, Baltimore (1967-69).

Sister Dorothy became the treasurer at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland (now University), Baltimore (1969-75). Dorothy returned to education as the vice principal of student affairs (1975-77) and then principal (1977-83) at Archbishop Keough High School also in Baltimore.

Sister Dorothy was elected to two terms as a member of the Baltimore provincial council. (1983-87 and 1987-92). She was appointed vicar and from October 1987 to March 1988, served as acting provincial leader when Sister Patricia Flynn, the provincial leader, was elected to the office of General Superior of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Sister Dorothy described these years as extraordinary, impacting her life and bringing about a spiritual conversion.

At the conclusion of her ministry in provincial leadership, Sister Dorothy became the administrator of St. Vincent Home, Tacony, Philadelphia (1993-99). In later years, Sister Dorothy served the Baltimore province as assistant to the development director (1999-2005) and as a volunteer in the Atlantic-Midwest Province development office (2005-06). She organized the Sisters' advance directives for the province (2006-09), and retired in 2010.

Sister Dorothy's educational degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Secretarial Science from Nazareth College, Rochester, New York, 1965 and a Master of Arts in Business Education from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 1971.

She was a deeply spiritual woman who started a centering prayer group, took care of all the details and kept it going for 12 years. Devoted to her family, the enjoyment of family celebrations was a special part of Dorothy's life.

Sister Dorothy Arthur died peacefully in the Maria Health Care Center Feb. 8, 2017. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Charles G. Gonzalez, SJ, a special friend

of 45 years. In his homily, Fr. Gonzalez recalled Jesus' words, "In my Father's house there are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you." He spoke of Dorothy's many years of quietly, graciously, but relentlessly, building the foundation of her home in heaven. Sister Dorothy's remains were interred in Villa Maria Cemetery, Glen Arm, Maryland. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Atlantic-Midwest Province, c/o Development Office, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, Connecticut 06897 or online: http://atlanticmidwest.org/ways_to_make_gifts.html