

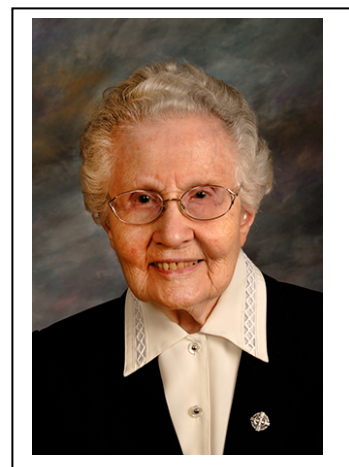
January 22, 2019

**Sister M. Mercita Reinbold, SSND**  
**Teacher, rosemaking artist**

**Mankato, Minnesota** – Sister M. Mercita Reinbold, SSND, 100, died Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at Notre Dame Health Care, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota. In her SSND ministry, she served as a teacher of all grade levels, a pastoral minister and as an artist.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on January 29 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel. Burial was in Our Lady of Good Counsel Cemetery.

The twelfth of fifteen children, Sister Mercita was born on July 1, 1918, to German-Russian immigrant parents on the family farm near Hosmer, South Dakota. She was given the name Martha at her baptism at Holy Trinity Church in Hosmer. In 1933, she became an aspirant at Good Counsel Academy in Mankato, Minnesota. In 1936, Martha was admitted into the candidature. As a second-year candidate, Martha taught grades two and three at Bellechester, Minnesota. On July 21, 1938, she was received into the novitiate and given the name Sister Mary Mercita. She professed first vows on July 22, 1939.



Sister Mercita taught at every grade level in three states. Her Minnesota experience included St. Agnes and St. Andrew, St. Paul; St. Leo, St. Leo; St. Michael, St. Michael; St. Mary, Shakopee; John Ireland, St. Peter; Good Counsel Academy (where she taught calligraphy); St. Michael, Morgan; St. Anthony, Lismore; St. Martin, Rogers; SS. Peter & Paul, Blue Earth; Epiphany, Coon Rapids; Providence, South St. Paul; St. Francis Xavier, Sartell, and St. Isidore, Litomysl. She also taught at St. Mary, New England, North Dakota, and St. Joseph, Grenville, South Dakota. She earned a B.A. in education and art from St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa.

In the 1980s, Sister Mercita transitioned into pastoral and volunteer ministry, serving at SS. Peter & Paul and St. Joseph the Worker, Mankato, and in the Church of St. Peter, St. Peter, Minnesota. In 1990, she took rosemaking classes for four years, became an apprentice and received ninety hours of private instruction. Attaining the century mark last July, Sister Mercita would have celebrated her 80th Jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame this summer.

She is survived by nieces and nephews and her sisters in community, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and SSND associates. She was preceded in death by her parents Adam and Kunegunda, known as Cora, (Kraft) Reinbold; six sisters and eight brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.