

March 29, 2019

Sister Eleanor Francis Frankenberg, SSND
Teacher, community service, pastoral minister

St. Louis – Sister Eleanor Francis Frankeberg, SSND, died at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis, on Saturday, March 16, 2019. She was 90 and a former teacher, pastoral minister and involved in community service.

The memorial Mass was celebrated March 23 at Theresa Center, Sancta Maria in Ripa. Sister Eleanor Francis donated her body to the St. Louis University School of Medicine.

Sister Eleanor Francis was born in Marthasville, Missouri. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1946. She professed first vows in 1949 and final vows in 1955.

She received a bachelor's degree in sociology from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1961; a master's degree in education from St. Louis University, St. Louis, in 1968.

Sister Eleanor Francis taught elementary school children for 38 years at St. Francis Solanus, Quincy, Illinois; St. Francis, Aviston, Illinois; St. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis, Illinois; Santa Isabel, Los Angeles; St. Rita, San Diego; St. Joseph, Cairo, Illinois; and Epiphany, Venice, Florida. While in California, she served as a volunteer teacher during the summer months at Tierra del Sol, Sunland, California

She served as a pastoral minister at St. Raphael, Englewood, Florida, for six years and taught English as a second language to migrant women in Immokalee, Florida, for nine years. She ministered in pastoral care at Fairfield Manor, St. Louis.

When Sister Eleanor Francis moved to Sancta Maria in Ripa in 2007, she volunteered in the archives and took charge of the library.

Sister Eleanor Francis is survived by her sisters Viola Struckhoff and Bernice Kemner, both of Augusta, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Frank, Robert and Raymond.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 E. Ripa, St. Louis, MO 63125 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

