

November 25, 2018

**Sister Mary Ann Sadowski, SSND  
Music teacher, pianist, organist**

**Elm Grove, Wisconsin** – Sister Mary Ann (formerly M. Julia Ann) Sadowski died at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, Sunday, November 18, 2018. She was 95 and a former music teacher, pianist and organist.

Sister Mary Ann was born in Milwaukee. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1942 and professed first vows in 1945.

In 1953, she earned a bachelor's degree in music from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, and a master's degree in music from the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, Milwaukee, in 1958.

After first profession, Sister Mary Ann taught at St. Joseph, West Allis, Wisconsin, for one year. She then was missioned to St. Alphonsus in Chicago for one year. She returned to Wisconsin in 1947, where she taught at St. John Kanty, Milwaukee (1947-1954) and Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee (1954-1956). She returned to Chicago in 1956, where she taught at the Academy of Our Lady until 1966. She served as organist and music teacher at all of her missions.

Beginning in 1966, Sister Mary Ann served as a professor of music at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and in 1970, was chair of the music department. During this period, she attended many workshops, including one led by Dr. Robert Pace of Columbia University, New York, on group piano instruction, and another held by the Contemporary Music Project at Eastman, New York, through a Ford Foundation Grant.

In 1981, she returned to teaching in Milwaukee grade schools and as an independent piano teacher, serving in this capacity through 1989. She taught piano full-time at Karnes Academy, Milwaukee, from 1989 through 2010. Since 2010, she had been serving in prayer and presence, most recently at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

May Sister Mary Ann experience eternal joy and peace in the arms of her loving God! Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

