

November 13, 2019

**Sister Celly Ann Amparano**  
**Teacher; secretary**

**St. Louis, Missouri** – Sister Celly Ann Amparano, 71, passed away at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, on October 16, 2019. In her SSND ministry, she served as a teacher.

A wake service was held at Theresa Center on October 21, 2019. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning with Bishop Emeritus John Gaydos of the Jefferson City, Missouri, diocese presiding. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

She was the third of four girls born to Mercedes (Castro) and Manuel Amparano on December 21, 1947, in Fresno, California. She was baptized on March 21, 1948, at St. Therese Church in Fresno and named Celly Ann. Celly Ann attended McKinley Elementary School, El Capitan School and Central Union High School in Fresno County.

Celly Ann entered the postulancy on September 4, 1977, and lived in community at St. Bernadette's, Lemay, Missouri, for four months. On January 23, 1978, she was received into the novitiate and lived at Sancta Maria in Ripa for her canonical year. She was missioned to Holy Angels, East St. Louis, Illinois for her mission experience. She made first promises on July 1, 1979, and final vows on December 21, 1985, at St. Helen, Fresno, California, on her 38th birthday.

In 2014, Sister Celly Ann became a consultant for the Hispanic Outreach in the Jefferson City, Missouri, diocese for two years. She was in music ministry at St. Peter, Jefferson City, Missouri for one year and then became a certified medical interpreter at El Puente, Jefferson City, Missouri. In this role, Sister Celly Ann helped persons who did not know English to communicate with doctors and health care providers during appointments and hospital visits.

In 2017, Sister Celly Ann was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. She began stem cell transplant therapy in 2018. After a valiant battle, she passed away on October 16, 2019, as sisters prayed with her.

She is survived by her sisters, Anita (Dave) Hoth of Alta Loma, CA; Mary (Ron) Gonzales of Las Vegas, NV and Gloria Amparano of Fresno, CA; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 East Ripa Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63125, or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.



