



Sister Joan Gannon, OSB

Catholic Obituary

Our dear Sister Joan died on May 6, 2020, after a long illness. As the youngest in her immediate family, she was preceded in death by her parents, George and Hannah, her sisters Margaret Mary Flau, Sister Mary Ann Ida, BVM, Aileen Gannon, and Elizabeth Harrell and her brother, Judge John Gannon. Funeral arrangements are pending. She passed into the loving arms of God and the Sisters who have gone before her are there to welcome her. Born in Chicago, she and her family were active members of St. Jerome's Parish in Rogers Park. After attending St. Scholastica High School, in June 1940, she wrote a letter to the Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago to express interest in joining the community. On September 7, 1940, she was accepted as a postulant. On July 11, 1941, she became a novice and on August 16, 1942, she professed triennial vows. Sister Joan will be remembered for being a truly genuine person. She was forthright and spoke her mind. Her life had held both happiness and hardship. She had a cheerful spirit and a ready smile. She appreciated and enjoyed friendly conversations. Whether using one of her several degrees or giving of her time to serve in whatever way, Sister Joan was a loyal community member, serving where there was need. Funeral arrangements are pending. She will be buried in All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois. She is mourned by her Benedictine Sisters, those with whom she ministered, and by her extended family.

Archdiocese of Chicago, 1942-1948 St. Hilary Parish First Grade and parish sacristan, 1948-51 Mother of God, Waukegan, IL, 1951-52 Queen of All Saints taught Kindergarten, 1952-1953 Monastery – various services – had lost her voice, 1956-1967 St. Scholastica High School, Chicago, IL (Chemistry and Math, managed the candy store, and Young Christian Student group moderator), 1967-1970 – Infirmary care, 1970-79 St. Scholastica High School, Language Lab and Business Office and worked with the SSA School Board. 1979-1989 served at several Chicago parishes including Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Thomas Aquinas, and at her home parish, St. Jerome's, 1989-2008 Continued work with the St. Jerome's Parish

Tip Toppers and various job within the monastery, 2008 -2014 Became resident in St. Joseph Court but continued to do service in the monastery, and with Top Toppers, 2014 -Retired

Diocese of Pueblo 1953-56 St. Scholastica Academy in Canon City, CO (English, math, laundry, sacristy and managed the snack bar.