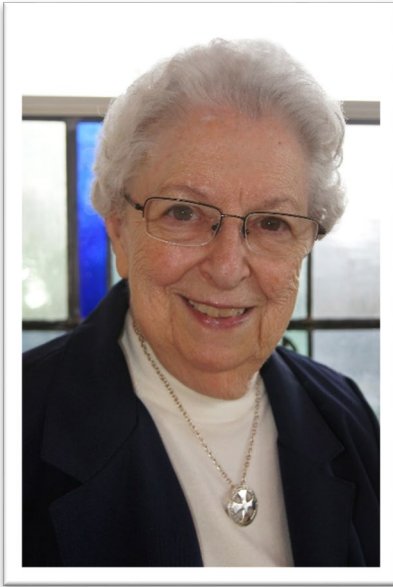


SISTER REGINA MARIE BOSLET

April 5, 1934 – December 30, 2022

Funeral Reflection, Wednesday, January 4, 2023



From the striking mountains surrounding Altoona to the glowing deserts of Arizona, Sister Regina Marie lived out the charism of the Sisters of Charity as a teacher, principal, coordinator, associate director and executive. Of her seventy years as a Sister of Charity, she spent 51 years in Arizona.

Sister Regina Marie entered the community from St. Leo Parish, Altoona. Her parents were Homer and Edna Hill Boslet. She was the youngest of five children. Her brothers were Clair, Joseph and Bernard. Her sister was Mary Jane. They are now all welcoming Regina to heaven. Sister's niece, Barbara, is married to Sister Mary Kay Neff's brother, Edward.

Sister began her teaching ministry at DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. She then moved to primary grades in schools in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Altoona, Washington, DC and Tucson. In the meantime, she earned a BA from Seton Hill. In 1965, she became Principal at St. John's in Tucson. After receiving a

Master's in Educational Administration from Arizona University, she was appointed Principal at St. Theresa School in Phoenix.

After receiving her Master's in Liturgy from Notre Dame University, she was appointed Liturgy Coordinator, serving in that capacity at Theresa Parish for 11 years. After a year in clinical pastoral education at a hospital in Phoenix, she accepted a momentous challenge as Director to those suffering from HIV/AIDS. The motto for the Center was: "With caring hearts, through gentle hands." After receiving an award from the Sovereign Order of Malta for progressive service, she returned to being the director at the Mount Claret Retreat Center, and the Renew Program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Of her ministries, particularly of her work with HIV/AIDS victims, Sister Regina Marie stated: "For me, working with God's poor and rejected people was the heart of my life. They have taught me infinitely more about the qualities of love and life than I could ever give them. Although some days I felt drained, it was the ministry that energized me."

Prior to leaving Arizona, Sister Regina Marie was celebrated by the Parish during a well-attended prayer service to acknowledge the blessings God had given through her. All present extended their hands and prayed: "We know that the Charity of Christ is within you. As you continue your journey, may the peace of God reign in your heart."

From the day she entered, Sister Regina Marie has been somewhat of a perfectionist. She always looked perfect, whether in her white cap or modern dress. When she celebrated her 60th Anniversary as a Sister of Charity in 2012, she retired to Caritas Christi. She enjoyed helping other sisters with their

sewing needs, reading and walking on the property. During these past few years, her health has declined. It is now time to bid her final farewell as she enters the Kingdom of God for all eternity.

We pray together: *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen*

Sister Patrice Hughes
January 4, 2023