



**SISTER ROSE MILLER, OLVM**, died peacefully at Saint Anne's Communities at Victory Noll in Huntington, Indiana, on April 19, 2022.

Sister Rose was born in Flasher, North Dakota, on January 31, 1934, to John Miller and Eiprosina Ternes Miller and was baptized the same day at Saint Lawrence Catholic Church. She was the eighth of nine children and her younger sister, Ann Leingang, survives Sister Rose. She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Leo, Stally, and Pius; and four sisters, Lydia Torkelson, Legotda Miller, Agnes Makelky, and Edvina Fredrickson.

Sr. Rose entered the Congregation of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on September 15, 1952, making first vows on August 5, 1955. Sister Rose's first experiences after making vows included doing census work, home visiting and teaching religious education. She served in the states of Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada, California, Colorado, Illinois, Texas, Minnesota, and Arizona.

When she was living in Montclair, California, in 1970, Rose decided she wanted to change her ministry focus from catechetics to social work. She had indicated her desire to become a social worker on her entrance application in 1952. Sister Lucille Martinez, who was living with Sister Rose and Sister Carolyn Issenmann, recalled this story during the eulogy. Sister Rose's decision caused much consternation because some of the Sisters could not understand why she would want to go into this field of work. Sister Lucille recalled some of the Sisters trying to change Sister Rose's mind. Being a very determined person, Sister Rose went forward with her decision and asked for permission to attend Saint Louis University in Saint Louis, Missouri, to study for her social work degree. After she finished her studies, she returned to California where she worked in several medical centers as a licensed clinical social worker and later as the Director of Social Services. In all the evaluations from the different medical centers where Sister Rose worked, whether as a social worker on the floor or as the Director, there were only positive things said about her professional work. She was dependable, demonstrated compassion, had excellent patient rapport and was a valuable member of the social work staff.

After working 10 years in California, Sister Rose became the Executive Director of St Elizabeth of Hungary Clinic in Tucson, Arizona. This was the clinic started and staffed by our Sisters to provide medical, dental and social services to

disadvantaged persons unable to pay for private care. She worked in this capacity until 1988. She left Saint Elizabeth to work at various Tucson hospitals until 2003. She worked in all areas from a social worker on the floor to being a supervisor or the Director of Social Services. Many of the patients who sought help at these facilities were poor and uninsured, and many were homeless. Sister Rose demonstrated her missionary spirit and love for the poor and marginalized by making sure they had whatever they needed as they left the hospital. She was a tireless advocate for those living in poverty.

Even while Sister Rose was working in the hospitals, she made time to do volunteer ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Tucson. A plaque from the Community of Our Lady of Sorrows expressing their gratitude for her 26 years of faithful, prayerful presence and her volunteer ministry hung in her bedroom at Saint Anne's Community. She loved being a part of Our Lady of Sorrows parish and it was certainly a part of her missionary zeal.

Sister Rose returned to Victory Noll in 2015 to accompany her friend and companion, Sr Dolores Tringl. After arriving, Sister Rose continued to do visiting of the Sisters in Holy Family and volunteering to help in the sacristy.

We gathered to remember Sister Rose, on Thursday evening April 21, 2022, for evening prayer and then on Friday morning April 22, 2022, for the funeral liturgy. Father Phil DeVolder presided at the liturgy, not only as chaplain for Saint Anne's, but as Sister Rose's friend. Father Phil and Sister Rose became friends over the last few years. He shared a few stories during the homily. One was of their watching TV together, usually the evening news, and she often voiced her discontent with the politicians. He also spoke of her deep love and devotion to the Eucharist. He understood how difficult it was for her during the pandemic not to be able to attend mass and receive the Eucharist.

Now Sister Rose, you are not only able attend the Eucharist, but you also have a seat at the eternal banquet. May you now celebrate with joy with all the saints and all the faithful missionary servants.

With gratitude and blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sr. Ginger Downey, O.L.V.M." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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