

1 John 3:1

"See what kind

of love the Father

has given to us, that

we should be called

children of God;

and so we are."

Blessings on the Journey

If you would like to share memories and stay connected with the Sisters, we welcome your visits, correspondence and calls. Our doors and our hearts are open to you!

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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART

In Loving Memory



Sister Patricia

Dailey, OSF

1945–2022



"BECAUSE YOU ARE PRECIOUS IN MY EYES, AND HONORED, AND I LOVE YOU...." (ISAIAH 43:4A)

Sister Patricia

At Rest November 29, 2022

Sister Patricia Dailey was born on October 19, 1945, in Washington, D.C., to Patrick and Helen (Flanagan) Dailey and was given the name Patricia. She was the youngest of six children, having four brothers and one sister. When she was 2 ½ years old, her mother died of congestive heart failure. Her father and aunts then took over the responsibility of raising the children. During her younger years, she was frequently uprooted as the family moved to Akron, Ohio; Orlando, Florida; Raleigh, South Carolina and Texarkana, Arkansas. However, this uprooting prepared her to follow God's plan for her. In Texarkana, she often went to her aunt's textile shop and had many endearing conversations with her. She recalled that her aunt's best advice was, "You have to make your life your own. It doesn't matter what other people want. You have to follow your own path. That will bring you true happiness."

When she was in eighth grade in Texarkana, she was reading the Sunday Visitor and noticed several vocation ads. She had a special liking for St. Francis, so she wrote to our congregation for information. This began a correspondence with Sister Mary Agreda Leahy and an eventual invitation to "Come and See," a visit that was just to be for two weeks. However, Sister said that she came, she saw, she stayed. After her time as an Aspirant, she became a Postulant on September 1, 1963. On August 6, 1964,

she became a Novice and was given the name Sister Brian Marie by which she was known until 1990 when she chose her baptismal name as her religious name. During her two years as a Novice, she continued to be formed in living our way of life. On August 6, 1966, Sister professed First Vows and on August 6, 1971, Perpetual Vows. As Sister said, she came "to try it out for two weeks." She would smile saying that she continued "to try it out" for almost 60 years.

As a Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Sister had many opportunities to serve others. When growing up, she had often thought about being a nurse because she liked to help others. After making her First Vows, she had not yet decided on a particular ministry, so she spent a year at the Motherhouse helping wherever she was needed. A year later in 1967, she was missioned to Montecito, California, where she said she was a "jack of all trades." However, her stay there was brief because she was called back to the Motherhouse where her help was once again needed. Shortly after, Sister was asked to go to the Rehabilitation Institute in Chicago to assist one of our Sisters who had broken her back in a fall. Someone was needed to learn how to put Sister's back brace on and how to transfer her from the bed to her chair. It was there that Sister Patricia discovered how she could truly serve others. She was so excited about how well she learned and performed the needed procedures, and she came to realize that she had to verbalize her desire to be a nurse. Her request was granted, and in 1968 she entered the L.P.N. Nursing Program at St. Mary Hospital in LaSalle, IL. In 1970 she received her L.P.N. Certificate, fulfilling a lifelong dream. Her nursing adventures took her to our Motherhouse infirmary for a year; to St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, Illinois, for four years; to Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, Indiana, for three years; to Franciscan Nursing Home in Joliet, Illinois, for 5 years; to St. Francis Hospital and Villa Riviera in Santa Barbara, California, for 17 years where those many years made it feel to her like her home away from home. In 2004, Sister came to the Motherhouse where she ministered in the Care

Corner. Health issues eventually curtailed her from being actively engaged in ministry, but she continued to do whatever she could for others. In 2011 it became necessary for Sister to move into complete retirement.

On the occasion of her 40th Jubilee, Sister Patricia expressed gratitude for her vocation which enabled her to grow in prayer because of the wonderful example of so many of our Sisters. She appreciated her various ministries where she had been blessed to work with really great people who had a true concern for the people they served in the health care ministry. She was also grateful to the congregation for allowing her to visit the homeland of her ancestors in Ireland and to walk in their footprints. When Sister celebrated her 50th Jubilee in 2013, she said that the advice she would give to others is, "Always keep your eyes on Jesus and never give up." Sister Patricia also knew in her heart that God was taking care of her.

After a time of illness and with full readiness, Sister passed into the loving embrace of her God on November 29, 2022. We thank her loving caregivers and extend our deepest sympathy to her nieces Shelley Norbert and Jackie Dailey and her many other relatives and friends.

Sister Patricia, we will deeply miss your presence and Irish smile, and your name will forever be etched in our hearts. May your eyes be totally fixed on your Beloved, and may you delight in His caring and tender embrace for all eternity.

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart

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"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save." (Zephaniah 3:17a)