SISTER ANN REGINA ROSS, CDP
January 4, 1931 – May 22, 2018

Sister Ann Regina Ross, CDP, entered eternal life on May 22, 2018 at the age of 87. She was the sixth of seven children born to Alfred and Alice Verret Ross. Sister Ann Regina was born in Berwick, Louisiana but grew up in Pineville. She answered God’s call to become a woman religious in 1950. Her desire to be a catechist led her to enter the novitiate of the Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence. Her final discernment led her to make perpetual vows with the Sisters of Divine Providence (CDP) on July 31, 1969. Having worked as a Catechist in parishes since 1957, Sister Ann Regina began her CDP ministry as a Director of Religious Education in St. Augustine Parish in Isle Brevelle, Louisiana in 1967.

Sister Ann Regina earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio, Texas in 1970, and a Masters of Arts in Religious Education from Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1979. She was certified by the Catholic University of American, Washington, D.C. in the area of content and methods of Modern Catechetics for Teachers.

Sister Ann Regina’s sensitivity to the poor and women’s issues opened her heart and eyes to a greater need which she called “the sense of faith.” Throughout her 47 years of service as a Director of Religious Education she enriched and educated thousands in this sense of faith. She served in this capacity in numerous Louisianan parishes: Alexandria, Bunkie, Pineville, Plaucheville, Shreveport, Isle Brevelle, St. Amant, Kenner and Sorrento/Darrow. Her direct and vivacious personality drew people to her, and in turn, filled the classrooms of religious education. Her ability to speak the truth was refreshing as well as amusing. Her laughter and the laughter she generated are gifts that will be missed.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law: Jeanette Ross and Betty Ross, and numerous nieces and nephews and all her Sisters of Divine Providence. She was preceded in death by her parents Alfred Philip and Alice Verret Ross and siblings, Garland, Mary Regina Hollingsworth (Henry C.), Lynn (Mary), Alfred, Bert (Katherine), and John.

The Rosary is Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. and the Wake is at 6:30 p.m. A Memorial Mass of the Resurrection will be on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. All services will be in Annunciation Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to make a memorial contribution to the Sisters of Divine Providence, 515 S.W. 24th Street, San Antonio, TX 78207-4619.