

SISTER LUCILLE ANN FRITSCH, CDP
1932 - 2019



Sister Lucille Ann Fritsch, CDP, aka Sister Mary Cordelia, entered eternal life on April 17, 2019 at the age of 86. She was the daughter of Alfred Joseph and Marie Agnes (Seidenberger) Fritsch. Sister Lucille Ann was born in Schulenberg, Texas on October 23, 1932. She answered God's call to become a Sister of Divine Providence on June 21, 1952. Sister Lucille Ann prayerfully accepted her many ministries as opportunities for growth and recognized the challenging aspects as blessings of self-awareness.

Sister Lucille Ann taught 4th – 8th grade throughout her 22 years as a teacher in Pasadena and Houston, Texas as well as in Alexandria and Cloutierville, Louisiana. She dually served as Principal during seven of those years in Tulsa and Ponca City, Oklahoma. She served as a full-time Principal of St. Pius X School in Tulsa, Oklahoma for an additional five years. She earned a Bachelor and Master of Science in Education and a Master of Arts in Religious Studies that included a certification in Spiritual Direction.

Her pastoral ministries included serving as the Parish Liturgist of Sacred Heart Parish and Director of Religious Education of Our Lady of the Gulf Church, and Director of Faith Formation of St. Mary's Parish in Abilene, Port Lavaca, and Fredericksburg, Texas, respectively. The vast array of duties and opportunities to liturgically train and engage with the people of these parishes were extremely fulfilling for Sister Lucille Ann. Her final ministry before returning to San Antonio involved serving as Medical Director and overseeing the faith and community formation of a child-caring and child-placing agency called Every Day Blessing in Thonotosassa, Florida. She playfully called it being a "glorified baby sitter." Her positive and loving presence in the children's lives was "a small way to help transform the world."

She returned to Our Lady of the Lake Convent in 2006 and served as Sacristan of the congregation's Sacred Heart Chapel and began her nine year ministry as Director of the CDP Associates. She led the formation of hundreds of laity who sought to follow the charism and the four fundamental virtues of abandonment to Providence, charity, simplicity and poverty of the Congregation of Divine Providence. Her love, devotion and adherence to CDP founder Blessed John Martin Moye's teachings were seeds planted in the Associates' hearts. Sister Lucille Ann expressed her gratitude to the "Gracious One who was the Planner of it all." Those who knew her are grateful to our Provident God for the gift of Sister Lucille Ann.

She is survived by her siblings Florence Polzer and Ethel Matejek, and her Sisters of Divine Providence. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents Alfred Joseph and Marie Agnes

(Seidenberger) Fritsch, brother Patrick Fritsch and brothers-in-law Ben Polzer and William Matejek.

The Rosary is Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.; Wake at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Resurrection is Wednesday, April 24, 2019 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.