



Sister Ann Porter, OP, of Kaleva, MI died on May 23, 2022. She was 86 years old and a Dominican Sister for 66 years. Sr. Ann received an M.A. in Religious Education from Aquinas College, and a Theology degree from Manhattanville College, New York. Sister Ann spent 16 years as a high school teacher at Muskegon Catholic Central; St. Joseph, Bay City; St. John, Essexville; and Bishop Borgess, Redford. She then turned from the classroom to pastoral work. She served as Director of Religious Education at St. Bernadette Parish, Dearborn; St. Joseph Parish, Beal City; St. Mary Parish, Big Rapids; Our Lady of Grace and St. Thomas, Muskegon; and St. Mary, Manistee, where she also offered RCIA to

prisoners at the Oaks Correctional Facility in Manistee. Sr. Ann also ministered at St. Francis Mission, Sawmill, Arizona among the pines of the Navajo Nation Forest. She reflected the following about this place: "God walks in beauty. . . The star-studded night sky, the extravagant sunrises tell of the glory of God." Here she found a home, and shared faith in God's marvelous deeds and delightful creation with the Navajo people. Her hobbies and interests included people, politics, advocacy, RCIA, writing, gardening, cooking, scripture, theology, and travel. She loved the symphony and would go whenever possible. Her classmates remember her as a generous, bright light and gifted poet, a lover of philosophy, theology, and the arts, yet at the same time, humble and down to earth. She always searched for, and invariably found, the goodness in every person she met. We will miss her. Sr. Ann is survived by many cousins, friends and members of her Dominican Community. In an effort to protect our vulnerable population from the Covid-19 virus a private Funeral Mass with vaccinated immediate family members and Sisters will be celebrated at Chapel of the Word, Marywood on Thursday, May 26. Masks are required. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials in Sister Ann Porter's name may be made to the Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters.

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