



Sr. Jane Mary Przygocki, SJ

April 04, 1926 - December 17, 2024

Sr. Jane (Nazarita) Przygocki, SJ

Sister Jane Przygocki, SJ, 98, died December 17, 2024 at Community Village, Saginaw where she had lived for four years. Jane was the seventh of nine children born to Anthony and Magdalena (Wozniak) Przygocki April 4, 1926 in Bay City, Michigan.

Sr. Jane was raised in a devote Catholic family. She attending St. Stanislaus elementary school where the Felician Sisters taught. As there was no Catholic high school in Bay City, she asked to attend the Felician Academy in Detroit and, while there, she began the process of entering the Felician Congregation. She made first vows in 1946 and final vows in 1954.

The congregation valued higher education for their members, and Sister benefited by receiving a Master degree in Journalism from Marquette University. This, along with her BA from Madonna College, provided a firm foundation for many years of ministry on both the elementary and secondary level in Detroit, Saginaw, Bay City, and Manistee. She found special joy in creating yearbooks with the high school students, some of which won awards.

Following the Vatican II Council of the Catholic Church in the early 1960s, Sr. Jane felt a longing to live her call to religious life in a different way. She and a number of other sisters made the decision to strike out on a new and unknown venture and establish a new community. In 1974 the Servants of Jesus, a diocesan community of the Archdiocese of Detroit was established. Sister found a renewed spirit within herself, and made the decision to change course in her ministry as well. She received her MA in religious education from the University of Detroit. She noted, "The years in religious education were most fulfilling. I felt: This is what I was called to do!" Her work with children and now adults brought her great joy made evident in the many friends who have continued to stay in contact with her, sharing the joys and sorrows of their lives through the years. She served as pastoral associate and religious educator at several parishes, the last fourteen at Saint Hubert in Harrison Township. Even in retirement she continued to volunteer there.

Due to health concerns, Sr. Jane moved to live with the Sisters of Mercy in their retirement center in Farmington Hills and then to Community Village in Saginaw which was closer to her family. Another blessing was the presence of her Servant of Jesus Sister, Pat Radomski who lived in the next room with whom she shared prayer and community. She became a wonderful member of the resident community, beloved by staff and residents alike. Her birthday and holiday cards were always ready ahead of time stamped and addressed. Sister never let her need to use a wheel chair get around stop her from fully participating in life. With the help of her grandniece, Ashley Schmidt's wheelchair accessible van, she was present at many family events, enjoying the blessing of such a large family.

Sister Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Magdalena, her sisters Carrie

(Frank) Stachowski and Elaine (James) Hogan and her brothers Philip (Marion), Joseph (Ruth),

Louis (Katherine) Charles (Gladys), Valerian (Mildred) and Bernard (Dorothy). She is survived by sixteen nieces and nephews, many grand nieces and nephews and her sisters in community.

The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 38775 Prentiss St, Harrison Twp., MI. Family and friends are welcome to gather beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at a later time at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Bay City, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Servants of Jesus, 821 W. Elm Ave, Monroe, MI, 48162 or to a charity of your choice in Sister Jane's name.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to The Snow Funeral Home, Saginaw, MI.
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