



St. Anne Province Center  
Melbourne, Kentucky  
April 15, 2022

**SISTER DOROTHY ANN DZURISSIN**  
was called into eternal life.

Born June 7, 1933 in Reading, Pennsylvania, Sr. Dorothy Ann Dzurissin entered eternal life on April 14, 2022 at Holy Family Home. She was eighty-eight years old and a professed member of the Congregation of Divine Providence for sixty-four years.

Dorothy Ann was the youngest of four children born to Andrew and Helen Dzurissin. She is preceded in death by her brothers Andrew and John. She is survived by her sister Helen Grove and nieces and nephews.

Sr. Dorothy Ann and her siblings were all very young children when their mother died. Since their father wanted to keep them all together, he entrusted them to the care of the Catholic orphanage system. Besides receiving her elementary education in orphanages in Scranton and Middletown, Pennsylvania, Sr. Dorothy Ann experienced the love of God through the loving tender care of the various staff in addition to the affection of her father and relatives. She attended junior and senior high school in Sidney Central School in Sidney, New York.

After working for several years in Sidney, Sr. Dorothy Ann got a job as a clerk stenographer with the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. Approximately three years later, she decided it was now time to pursue her childhood dream of entering religious life. She felt a call to give herself completely to God and to help make the world a better place. However, she wanted direction so she prayed to God for a sign. That very Sunday, an invitation to a vocation club appeared in the archdiocesan paper. In response to this push from God, she joined the club and accompanied the group on visits to a few religious orders in the area. Sister was attracted to the Sisters of Divine Providence because she had a devotion to Providence. She always felt very strongly that God was guiding her life and that everything happened for a good reason known to God. She was also interested in the work of the sisters in the orphanage, in the home for working girls, and in the mission territory in southern Kentucky. With the assistance of Sr. Mary Bernard Stegman and the other sisters at Our Lady of Sorrows convent in Takoma Park, Maryland, Sr. Dorothy Ann completed the application process and on January 6, 1956 she entered St. Anne Convent. She made her first profession of vows on August 29, 1957 and final vows on August 29, 1962.

Throughout her years in active ministry, Sr. Dorothy Ann felt confident that God guided her to the places where she could best serve. She held a variety of positions in different types of ministry, but most of the time she worked as a secretary or receptionist. After her first profession in 1957, she was a teacher at St. Thomas Elementary School in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, at Our Lady Star of the Sea High School in Solomons, Maryland and at Our Lady of the Mountains School in Paintsville, Kentucky. Sister was also missioned to St. Vincent de Paul

Infant Asylum where she served as receptionist and typist and to the National Shrine in Washington D.C. as sacristan. She was called back to St. Anne Convent several times for short periods in between those missions to assist with receptionist and typing duties. In 1967 she returned to St. Anne Convent and resumed those same responsibilities until 1979. Sr. Dorothy Ann then went to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Kentucky as the administrative secretary and medical librarian. She returned to St. Anne Convent and worked in secretarial services from 1982 to 1990. For a brief time Sister was the intake receptionist for Comprehensive Care in Newport, Kentucky before her final and longest assignment in active ministry. From 1991 to 2016 she served as receptionist, librarian, and in hospitality at Jeanne d'Arc Home in New York City, New York. Sister retired to Holy Family Home in Melbourne and continued in community service until her health declined and she moved to the Health Care Center a few months ago.

Sr. Dorothy Ann's supervisor in the Navy Department highly praised her for her competency, adaptability, and enthusiasm. She was very intelligent, responsible, and accurate in her work. An avid reader with an extensive vocabulary, Sister loved books and excelled as a lector at Mass and as a volunteer oral reader for the Blind Association. Blessed with a generous heart, Sr. Dorothy Ann was gentle and kind in her concern for everyone. She had a good sense of humor, a welcoming smile, and a hearty laugh. Sister was joyful in her service for others and was always happy to lend a helping hand. She sent birthday and feast day cards to each sister over the years and typed their papers when they were in college.

Sr. Dorothy Ann loved to pray, especially the Psalms. She was faithful to community prayer, feast day celebrations, and Scripture study. In her reflections, Sr. Dorothy Ann rejoiced in her vocation. She recalled with joy that God's love will last forever, God's faithfulness to the end of time.

In thanksgiving for our dear Sr. Dorothy Ann and for her witness as a loving, joyful woman of Providence and as a woman of prayer, compassion, and loving service throughout her religious life, let us entrust her to the care of our Provident God.

United in God's gracious Providence,

Sister Barbara Patrick, CDP for  
Sister Barbara Rohe, CDP, Provincial

Mass of Christian Burial:       Monday, April 18, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.  
  Immaculate Conception Chapel, Melbourne

Burial in the Convent Cemetery, Melbourne, Kentucky