



St. Anne Province Center
Melbourne, Kentucky
May 1, 2026

SISTER MARY ANN NADICKSBERND
was called into eternal life.

Born August 15, 1933 in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sr. Mary Ann Nadicksbernd entered eternal life on April 28, 2026 at Holy Family Home. She was ninety-two years old and a professed member of the Congregation of Divine Providence for seventy-four years.

Mary Ann was the oldest of six children born to Elmer and Loretta Nadicksbernd. She is preceded in death by her brother Joseph. She is survived by her brother Rev. Elmer; her sisters Sr. Ruth, CDP; Sr. Juanita, CDP; and Diane Breitenstein; a sister-in-law Carol Nadicksbernd and brother-in-law, Douglas Breitenstein; and nieces and nephews.

Sr. Mary Ann became acquainted with the Sisters of Divine Providence when she attended St. Bernard School in Dayton, Kentucky. At an early age, she had an inkling that God was calling her to religious life. When she was in the sixth grade, a friend invited her to accompany her to visit her sister who was a postulant at St. Anne Convent. Sr. Mary Ann was so impressed by the sisters' happiness and the whole atmosphere of the place that she knew if she did become a religious, she would be a CDP. The following year, she listened to a group of girls describe their recent visit to St. Anne Convent. She learned that girls were permitted to enter after the eighth grade. This information was very appealing to her and excited her. Mary Ann spent a lot of time praying for guidance and knew in her heart that God was calling her. After obtaining her parents' approval, many visits with the sisters in Dayton, and much prayer and discernment, Sr. Mary Ann entered St. Anne Convent on August 15, 1947. She made her first profession of vows on August 29, 1951 and final vows on August 29, 1956.

In preparation for her life ministry of teaching small children, Sr. Mary Ann earned her A.B. degree from Villa Madonna College (now Thomas More University) and her M.Ed. from Xavier University. She kept current throughout the years by attending many courses, workshops, and programs.

Sr. Mary Ann was a fantastic teacher and found much joy and satisfaction in teaching small children. It was a wonderful experience for her to see their excitement for learning. She was well loved and respected by her students and their parents. Over the years, she remembered them all by name and where she taught them. Many of them kept in touch with her. Sister especially liked working with second graders and their parents as they prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. She felt it was a great privilege to prepare them and to meet many wonderful people and develop many good friendships. These experiences also furthered Sr. Mary Ann's growth in her love for the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

All of Sr. Mary Ann's places of ministry were in Kentucky: Corpus Christi School in Newport from 1951 to 1958, Holy Family School in Ashland from 1958 to 1976, St. Francis de Sales School in Newport from 1976 to 1982, St. Agatha Academy in Winchester from 1982 to 1989, St. Philip School in Melbourne from 1989 to 2003, and Holy Trinity School in Bellevue from 2003 to 2004 and from 2005 to 2015. In 2004, Sister enjoyed a well-deserved sabbatical year in the Risen Lord Parish in Maysel, West Virginia. In 2015, Sr. Mary Ann began her ministry of service to the community in Holy Family until her move to the Health Care Center in 2020 and her ministry of prayer and suffering.

In her religious life, Sr. Mary Ann gave priority to community and prayer. She was super organized, generous with her time and talents, and delighted in being a part of everything. Sister was loving, caring, thoughtful, and supportive. She made it a point to be involved in group meetings and reflections. Being a deeply religious person, Sr. Mary Ann was faithful to her life of prayer, both personal and in community. It grounded her in all she did. She actively participated in shared prayer. When her eyesight became limited, she listened to spiritual reading tapes and recorded prayers.

In her reflections, Sr. Mary Ann noted that she was most grateful for all the opportunities that she had had to grow spiritually and experience more fully the love of God. Throughout her life, she often felt God's care, presence, and compassion. She endeavored to share these experiences with the sisters with whom she lived. Sr. Mary Ann desired to grow more deeply in love with God and to appreciate God's enormous love for her. She wanted to be a source of peace and joy for others.

In thanksgiving for our dear Sr. Mary 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

Wake Service and Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 3:00 P.M.

Immaculate Conception Chapel, Melbourne

Burial in the Convent Cemetery, Melbourne, Kentucky