



Remembering

SISTER ANN WELTZ, CSJ
March 15, 1939-September 21, 2020

Sister Ann Weltz died peacefully on Monday, September 21, 2020 in Concord, California in her 81st year of life and her 62nd year as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. She is survived by her beloved niece Debra Weltz and her beloved nephew Robert Weltz.

Ann Louise Weltz was born in Martinez on March 15, 1939 to Beatrice and Ernest Joseph Weltz, joining her beloved brother Kenneth to complete the family unit. She received her elementary education at St. Catherine's in Martinez and remained close to the Sisters as she attended Alhambra High School.

Ann shared with Sister Mary Anne Bahner her desire to become a Sister but her mother Beatrice was adamant in her disapproval. Only after Ann spent a year at Mount St. Mary's in Los Angeles did her mother relent. Ann entered the Community in September 1958, and later Beatrice and Sister Mary Anne became close friends.

Sister Ann was an excellent science teacher. Among her other missions, she taught science at Santa Maria School, Orinda, St. Jarlath School, Oakland, and St Patrick School, West Oakland.

After an internship in Tucson with Sister Kathleen Clark, Sister Ann put her energy into creating the Bay Area Crisis Nursery in Concord. With the invaluable assistance of Volunteers and Donors, she built an organization which has served more than 29,000 admissions of children from Families in crisis over almost forty years.

In 2013, she and the Nursery were honored with the Northern California Jefferson Award. The following year Sister Ann was named Humanitarian of the Year by the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors. Among other awards she was honored as one of eight Contra Costa Women as a Hall of Fame Honoree, cited for an ability to ignite and guide passion for service.

Ann loved being a Sister of St. Joseph. She made the effort to be in Los Angeles for Province meetings, and enjoyed getting together with her reception. Ann shared a special relationship with Sister Kathleen Lamia and always made time for visits with her when Ann was at Carondelet Center.

Until her illness prevented her, Ann received her strength from daily Mass and reception of the Eucharist. During her illness she prayed with her Sisters and received the Eucharist. When asked about her favorite prayer she answered, "The Hail Mary."

Anyone who knows Sister Ann would agree that she possessed deep wisdom and compassion. With her gentleness and tranquility there was strength and courage as she faced adversity. May her memory continue to encourage us to do all we can, especially for children in need.

Rest In Peace, dear Ann.

~ Written by Sister Loraine Polacci, CSJ

At Sister Ann's request, donations in her memory may be made to Sisters of St. Joseph Ministry Fund, 11999 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Through this fund the heroic work of Sister Ann Weltz and the Sisters of St. Joseph will continue for those in great need.