



Sister Rose Adrian Peukert, CSJ
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A Sister of St. Joseph for over 70 years. Sister was "humble, gentle, and holy." Baptized Roselyn Agnes, Sister Rose Adrian was born in Los Angeles like her parents, Albert Aloyius and Adriana Dorothy Van Hoven. Roselyn was the youngest of three girls, Mary, Betty, and Rose. After Rose was born the family moved to Oxnard. Raised on a farm, Sister was very observant of nature and beauty. Her interest in creation was life-long. She enjoyed camping and being outdoors. The girls attended Santa Clara Elementary and High School. At that time the entire school was located in one building and provided the children with a strong Catholic education. It was there she first met the Sisters of St. Joseph. The spiritual influence of the Sisters on her early years can only be imagined.

On September 9, 1951 she entered religious life at St. Mary's Academy. She received the habit and religious name Sister Rose Adrian on March 19, 1952. Her new religious name honored her baptismal name and her mother's name. In 1959 Sister pronounced final vows at the newly constructed House of Studies. Her 70th Jubilee in 2022 was celebrated by Zoom, due to the Covid virus.

After receiving her elementary and secondary teaching credentials, Sister was awarded an MA from Cal State University in Home Economics. In 1954 she was first missioned to teach at St. Thomas the Apostle School in San Francisco, followed by an assignment to American Martyrs. For eight years Sister was at Regina Coeli Academy in San Diego. She was also missioned to St. Joseph High School, Lakewood, and Salpointe High School in Tucson. The Mount benefitted from her presence as a Home Economics instructor and Residence Director for six years. Sister was readily available for the many needs of boarders, meeting both their physical and emotional claims on her time and on her heart.

For a total of 11 years Sister brought her quiet loving presence to Daniel Murphy High School. She held various positions; registrar, librarian, plant manager, receptionist, book store manager. For Sister, duty became a –welcome responsibility. At Daniel Murphy she formed life-long friendships.

Former students remained in contact over the years. They fondly recall that while at Daniel Murphy Sister was quiet but hard working and efficient, always a good listener. Her love of silence and solitude served as a source of attentive and fruitful listening.

Sister also served the CSJ Community as Administrator of Carondelet Center from 1991- 2002. This was a time of renewal and change for the building as well as for the community. She and Sister Juliette

Berber provided a friendly, hospitable atmosphere, relating well to visitors, residents and staff. Often Sister would rise early in order to oversee the construction and remodeling on the building, and the retaining wall.

When her sister, Betty, became ill, Sister faithfully became a caregiver for seven years. As executor of her late sister's estate, monthly she would drive to Oxnard to take care of the details that were involved. Sister was always close to her family. Nieces and nephews were especially good to her. Irene, Elaine, Tony and Laura were available over the years.

For fourteen years Sister lived at the Villa, serving as assistant director at times. While living in local community, Sister was an active member, often quietly doing tasks others overlooked. She was dependable and noticed the needs of others. Sister chose to read the assigned book club chapters to Sister Madeline, whose eyesight was failing. While usually a quiet person, Rose spoke her thoughts with passion, offering meaning and inspiration to book club members. Community members and friends recall numerous Christmas poems she wrote and included in her Christmas cards. The most recent poem used phrases from the book she was currently reading on the cosmos. Sister was a quiet, private person, influencing through her wisdom and acceptance of all persons. She was a faithful friend, a generous and joyful presence.

When illness took away Sister's independence, she struggled with having to rely on others. Her love of community grew as she realized their desire to assist her.

Sister Rose Adrian's legacy to us was to listen carefully, then bring all things before the God she so loved and so generously served.

~ Sister Frances Baker, CSJ