



We commend to your charity the soul of our beloved
Sister Audrey Sagan
Who departed this life on May 17, 2020
In the eighty-first year of her religious life
Age: 97 years, 9 months, 26 days

Imagine Sr. Audrey's joy as she came home to God after a life journey just shy of 98 years! Imagine God's delight in welcoming her with, "Come to Me, my beloved! I've been awaiting you for a long time!"

Born in Creighton, PA, on July 22, 1922, she was given the name Irma by her parents, Matthew and Catherine Chodelka Sagan who were immigrants from Czechoslovakia. Irma was the middle daughter between Ann and Josephine. Her early schooling was with the Sisters of Divine Providence at St. Alphonsus in Springdale, PA, and then Providence Heights Aspirant School.

Entering the Sisters of Divine Providence on August 30, 1939, Sr. Audrey began an 81 year journey as a woman religious whose focus was, in her own words, "being faithful to our Community and to spreading the Good News." Sr. Audrey described herself as "patient and persevering." With her inimitable unassuming manner, she ministered as a teacher for 51 years, companioning her beloved "'ittle ones" in Grades 1 and 2 for 45 of those years. She was a Gospel witness of Jesus' love to everyone she met along the way. After retiring from teaching in 1994, Sr. Audrey became a pastoral minister of the Eucharist, bearing God's loving presence to shut-ins for the next 12 years. In 2006, she moved into prayer ministry while residing at Providence Heights.

Sr. Audrey's ready prayer and extended interest in the well-being of her students, former-students, family, friends and community was touching. When in conversation with others, she met each one with a soul-energy conveyed through her direct eye contact, warm smile and focused listening.

She expressed her creativity through crafts, making rosaries and crocheting. Her handiwork was so lovely, that one of our sisters' sister commissioned Sr. Audrey to crochet baby afghans to send on to Buckingham Palace for the birth and baptisms of Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis. They were acknowledged by the Royal Family with gratitude.

Sr. Audrey's long life was a clear sign of Providence and God's living presence among us. We are grateful for the exquisite legacy of faithfulness and love she leaves to all of us through the gracious outpouring of her life!

Birthday; July 22
Sr. Pat Baker