



We commend to your charity the soul of our beloved

Sister Anita Green

who departed this life on November 24, 2014
in the sixty-sixth year of her religious life
Age: 80 years, 2 months, 2 days
Resurrection Service: Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 11 a.m.

Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...
Matthew 25

In April, 1948, Sheila Rose Anita Green wrote the following to "Dear Reverend Sister:"

"I am very interested in becoming a sister in your order. I am 13 and in the eighth grade in St. Agnes School. I have wanted to become a sister for eight years and the work that the sisters in your order are doing interests me most. I know that this work pleases God very much and that is why I want to do it. I also want to do it because my lifelong ambition is to become a Sister of the Divine Providence. I am definitely sure I want to."

Her response to the question "Why?" was, "Divine Providence directs me there." The letters summarize the life of Sister Anita Green. Anita entered the Sisters of Divine Providence and never looked back. She was admitted to first profession 53 days before she completed her novitiate, and to final profession four years later. Artist, poet, teacher, school administrator, novice director, council member, missionary, fund raiser, theologian, writer of an extensive paper on benefits and detriments of being an international congregation, founding board member of the Women of Providence in Collaboration...she never looked back.

Anita is survived by her sisters Mary Ellen and Bridget, and many nieces and nephews. She has rejoined family members, parents Philip and Anna Mae, and brothers Terry and Pat. She was especially close to her grandfather and had his picture in her room in St. Joseph Center. Recently, she looked at that picture often.

Educated, and educator, Anita received degrees from Webster College, the University of Notre Dame, and St. Louis University. She was always loved by her students, many of whom are in touch with her to this day. Several of her students are now Sisters of Divine Providence.

Anita always looked forward. In 1965, she asked to go to Korea to assist in starting the community there; in 1981, she expressed an interest in ministering with the sisters in Peru.

Finally, work on a special project with the Catholic Health Association took Anita to Romania, to the city of Cluj where she was the program coordinator for "nameless children of Romania." She started a prenatal counseling center in Cluj, named Providence. She also started a school of nursing. When funding from CHA was discontinued, she did her own fundraising, approaching such donors as the Conrad Hilton Foundation.

Anita described herself as patient, intellectually curious, and creative. She had a special interest in doing watercolor, and was an avid consumer of Catholic and world news reading. She was a prolific letter writer; her letters were a mixture of humor, poetry, and information..."On top of all my joys of the morning, I had... a pot of deep blue pink tulips. ...I will paint them before they deteriorate."

When asked, "What is the most important thing to you within the charism of your community?" she responded, "For me the practice of the presence of God since my early childhood has been a vital response to the continuous presence of God." She rehearsed for her present state of life.

Birthday: September 22
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