

Sister Dorothy Ann Greiber, OP



Born to Earthly Life on October 12, 1927
First Profession on August, 4, 1946
Entered Eternal Life on December 18, 2025

DOROTHY ANN GREIBER was born on October 12, 1927 in Roxbury, Wisconsin to her parents John and Amanda. She was one of eleven children who grew up on the family farm near Sauk City. The Greiber home was filled with joy, faith, hard work and music. Dorothy Ann was a curious child who loved to learn and adored playing instruments. She could play piano, organ, violin, guitar and saxophone. This love of learning new things began as a child and would continue throughout her life.

Dorothy Ann had many Racine Dominicans as teachers at St. Norbert in Roxbury and they made quite an impact on her. When one of the Sisters arranged a visit to Racine for students to see the motherhouse and meet the Sisters, she eagerly joined the group. Dorothy Ann felt her call to religious life early, and she knew that the Racine Dominicans were where she belonged. She made her first profession in 1946 and her final profession in 1952, taking the name S. Mary Myron. She would later return to her baptismal name of S. Dorothy Ann.

S. Dorothy Ann received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Dominican College in Racine, Wisconsin and a Master's Degree from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. She began her ministry as a teacher, educating hundreds of students in her more than 30 years as an educator and principal. She taught at schools throughout Wisconsin and Illinois, including St. Rose, Sacred Heart, St. Edward and St. Joseph in Racine and St. Louis in Caledonia. She was a caring and dedicated educator, and her love of teaching, sharing her faith and caring for her students was present in all she did. As she said about teaching, "I love everything about it, the children, parents, fellow teachers, the school and playing the organ." In 1974, she received an outstanding teacher award from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Her next call to ministry would come in many forms, all of them focused on providing loving care and support to others. She was a pastoral associate and parish secretary, a social worker for St. Catherine's Infirmary, an Administrative secretary at Siena Center, she taught English as a second language and was a volunteer at Siena Retreat Center. She excelled in each of these roles because of her kind, compassionate nature and ability to really connect with the people she was serving. Her faith called her to live the gospel in all she did.

S. Dorothy Ann was always a student at heart and loved to learn and try new things. She traveled to Egypt and Rome, was part of a play entitled Seven Nuns in Las Vegas and joined a choir of 61 Racine Dominicans who cut a record entitled Prelude in White. She wanted to know more about cars, so she took a course where she learned how to check tire pressure, change and rotate tires, change the air filter, clean the carburetor and change the oil. S. Dorothy Ann was most definitely not afraid to try new things.

After visiting Ellis Island near New York, S. Dorothy Ann was moved by the experience of immigrants coming to this country - by their fear of the unknown, the unrelenting difficulties and hardships undergone by the travelers. To her this was the story of the immigrants' faith and courageous dedication as they sought freedom of speech, religion, and economic opportunity. She would advocate for immigrants throughout her life.

S. Dorothy Ann truly lived her faith in the way she taught her students and in the care she showed to others. She was a woman filled with joy, love and compassion. As she said, "I hope you find peace, especially through prayer, hospitality and service to others." Thank you God for the life of S. Dorothy Ann. We will follow her example.

