

# Sister Anne Morehouse, OP



Born to Earthly Life on June 11, 1931

First Profession on August 15, 1962

Entered Eternal Life on February 7, 2026

**D**ARLENE ANNE MOREHOUSE was born on June 11, 1931 to Clarence and Josephine Morehouse. She along with her three older brothers, Albert, Norbert and Richard grew up in Madison, Wisconsin. She was taught by Racine Dominicans throughout her school years and she knew their Community was where she belonged. She made her first profession in 1962 and final profession in 1968, taking the religious name S. Cajetan before returning to her baptismal name of S. Anne.

She received a Bachelor's Degree from Dominican College in Racine and began her ministry as a teacher. She was an educator in Wisconsin for more than 22 years, including at St. Mary, Stephen Bull and Mitchell Elementary in Racine. She loved her time in the classroom and paid special attention to sharing the gospel message of welcoming neighbors and caring for others. Her heart for justice was evident in her classroom.

Her next phase of ministry would lead her to teach and minister to Native Americans, which she did for nearly 16 years. S. Anne moved to the Menominee Indian Reservation in Keshena, Wisconsin and taught at Menominee Indian School. Reflecting on her experience as teacher on the Menominee Indian Reservation, S. Anne said, "I wanted to be a teacher who would respect the Menominee culture and also work for academic excellence."

She then moved to Marquette, Michigan to do Native American pastoral care. Working with Native Americans was life changing for S. Anne, and she cherished her time working on the reservation, teaching, sharing her faith, fighting injustice and supporting the Native American community. Before leaving Marquette, S. Anne was presented with an eagle feather by the American Indian Coordinating Council (AICC), the highest honor a Native American person can bestow on an individual. S. Anne was deeply moved by this tribute and in later years she would say that receiving the eagle feather was one of her particularly cherished memories. Rose Allard, the Coordinator of AICC said, "S. Anne was so well received with the Native American population because of the respect she had for the people."

S. Anne returned to Racine and became the Executive Director at Bethany Apartments, which provides transitional housing and support for abused women and their children. She was also an administrative assistant at Holy Family Birth Center in Weslaco, Texas. S. Anne was also the Vocations Director for the Racine Dominicans, drove Sisters to appointments and ran the card shop at Siena. In all these roles she cared for those who needed support and helped where she was needed.

S. Anne truly lived the Racine Dominican mission of being committed to truth and compelled to justice. She was dedicated to issues of justice and was grateful to be given the opportunity to work with people of many cultures and faiths. We thank God for the life of S. Anne.

