

# Sister Margaret Hild, OP



Born to Earthly Life on November 20, 1928

First Professions on August 15, 1951

Entered Eternal Life on August 30, 2021

**M**MARGARET CHRISTINE (Leonarda) was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 20, 1928 to Leonard and Minnie Hild. She was very proud of the fact that she shared a birthdate with one of her favorite characters - Mickey Mouse. Maggie, as she was affectionately called, had two siblings, an older sister, Rosemary, and a younger brother, Leonard. Maggie described her parents as good Catholics who raised their children with a Catholic home life.

Maggie was taught by the Racine Dominicans from fourth through eighth grade and also during high school. The Sisters made an impact on her, especially as she contemplated religious life and thought about her future. She corresponded with several Sisters during this time, and they encouraged her interest in life as a Racine Dominican. As she said, “Slowly, the conviction was formed that their life of dedication and service, their joy and happiness, was by God’s grace also my calling in life.”

She received her bachelor’s degree in Education from Dominican College, and spent many years teaching in schools throughout Wisconsin and Michigan. She was an excellent teacher, loved her students and treated them with respect. S. Maggie had a passion for helping children with reading. As she said, “I always spent extra time with those struggling with reading skills. It was always wonderful to experience their progress and success with them.”

Music was also an important part of S. Maggie’s life. She loved listening to instrumental music, played the violin and eventually joined the Siena Jubilers choir.

After retiring from teaching, S. Maggie’s many skills were put to good use as she continued her ministry in Racine. She worked at Bethany Apartments, where she was the Secretary and Coordinator of Outreach Programs, and then at Siena Center, where she served as Secretary for many years. She also loved to cook, and you could often find her in the Siena kitchen lending a hand. S. Maggie always did what was asked of her. No matter how difficult the task, she was always up for a challenge. And she showed the same dedication and service, the same joy and happiness, that she had witnessed by the Dominicans throughout her life.

S. Maggie’s final years were filled with volunteering where she could and spending much time in prayer. She struggled with health issues, but her faith in God sustained her through the toughest days.

Maggie was very faithful to prayer and a woman of strong faith and deep commitment. She always remained open to new ways to pray and growing in faith. We are grateful for S. Maggie – for her faithful witness as a Dominican, her dedicated service and the countless ways she made life better for others and brought out the best in those around her.

