



Sr. Robert Marie Green, OSF *Professed 1959*

“The more love you give away, the more you will have.” John O’Donohue

Sr. Robert Marie Green, 87, died in Assisi House on Saturday, November 30, 2024. Sr. Robert was born Margaret Mary Green in Allentown, Pennsylvania, to Robert and Marguerite—the youngest of 10 children. The large Irish Catholic family were members of St. Francis Parish and Sr. Robert was a graduate of Central Catholic High School. She entered the congregation in 1956 and professed her first vows in 1959. She earned a B.A. in English from Neumann University (then Our Lady of Angels College) and an MA in Supervision and Administration from Rider College.



Serving for over 37 years in education ministry, Sr. Robert began her teaching career in the Diocese of Trenton, where she taught second and fourth grades for a total of 10 years at Holy Angels School in Trenton. She continued her ministry in the Trenton Diocese, teaching at St. Joseph School in Medford, St. Michael’s Home in Hopewell, and St. Rose of Lima School in Freehold. After six years teaching sixth grade at St. Rose, Sr. Robert served in the Harrisburg Diocese as the principal of Holy Trinity School in Columbia, Pennsylvania. She then returned to the Trenton Diocese as the principal of Corpus Christi School in Willingboro. Sr. Robert served as the instructional leader at Corpus Christi for 15 years. At the news of Sr. Robert’s passing, one person commented on Facebook, “What a wonderful administrator of Corpus Christi School in Willingboro! I was also a principal in the Diocese of Trenton with Sister. She was much loved.”

After many years in education ministry, Sr. Robert was looking for a new challenge. She spoke about her change of ministry in the Summer 2009 issue of *Good News*, explaining, “I enjoyed teaching, and I enjoyed being a principal, but I always wanted to work with the elderly. Before I got too old, I wanted to try something else.” She spent the next 27 years in parish ministry at Corpus Christi. Seeing a need for the seniors in the parish to have opportunities to gather, Sr. Robert founded the Corpus Christi Seniors Club. The club provided opportunities for the seniors to socialize and engage in outreach, including to shut-ins and St. Francis Inn in the Kensington section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Each Friday, Sr. Robert would drive three volunteers to St. Francis Inn to serve in the dining room. Those unable to serve at the Inn helped support the Inn through fundraising. Sr. Robert was also a welcome visitor to many shut-ins, bringing food for both the body and soul—homemade soup from the Seniors Club, the Eucharist, and her ministry of presence. Sr. Paula Randow shared, “We are continuing her legacy here at Corpus Christi. She loved the people of this parish, and they loved her.” In 2023, Sr. Robert moved to Assisi House, where she served in prayer and hospitality ministry until her death.

Sr. Robert was an avid sports fan. She loved to watch the Phillies, the Eagles, and college sports—especially Penn State and Notre Dame, but Sr. Robert wasn’t just a spectator. She played basketball in high school and continued to hone her skills over the years, shooting hoops with her nieces and nephews and their children as recently as five years ago. Her niece Yvonne shared, “Aunt Maggie was such a presence in our family. Being the youngest of 10, she had **many** nieces and nephews, but whenever we were with her, we felt like we were the only one. She stayed connected with all of us and was always accepting and loving.” Sr. Martha Pooler shared that she and Sr. Robert bonded over their love of sports and the community. Sr. Martha explained, “Robert loved the sisters and was a good friend. She and I started the Christmas party at Assisi House. When I moved away, Robert kept the parties going year after year.” Sr. Robert’s generous and compassionate heart was an inspiration to all who knew and loved her.

All services will be held in Assisi House on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 . Viewing will begin at 9:30 A.M., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 A.M. The services will be livestreamed. Burial will follow in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

