



Sister Moira Frawley, OSF

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"Remember me as one who tried to act with justice, to love with compassion, and to walk humbly with God, God's people, and all Creation." ~ Sr. Moira Frawley

With a deep love for the land and all of God's creatures, Sr. Moira Frawley lived a life of service and faithfulness. Born Mary Cecilia in Gowerhass, County Clare, Ireland, she grew up on a farm with her siblings Michael, Teresa, Anne, and Carmel, and her parents Martin and Mary. Entering the congregation in Mallow at 16 years of age, she journeyed to Portland, Oregon, the following year for her novitiate years. Following her first profession, Sr. Moira began her ministry as a teacher, teaching in elementary schools in California, Oregon, and Wyoming. After almost 25 years in education, she was trained as an LPN and ministered for a year at St. Elizabeth Nursing Home in Baker, Oregon, before journeying to Santo Tomás de Aquino in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, where she served as a school nurse and office helper and worked on her Spanish language skills.

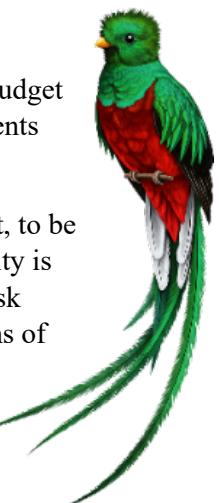


When the congregation requested sisters to consider missionary work, Sr. Moira answered the call and moved to Guatemala, ministering as a pastoral agent in the Diocese of Santa Cruz del Quiché in the Ixcan region. Sr. Mary Kennedy, who ministered with her in Guatemala, said, "Moira was a superb teacher of the catechists in Guatemala. She could make the most complex teachings intelligible using popular education techniques to get the message across regardless of the formal education levels of the catechist. She also had a special love for all those on the periphery of society, especially addicts." Seven of the 10 years that Sr. Moira ministered in Guatemala were during the country's 36-year brutal civil war—a war that targeted Mayan civilians.

Sr. Moira left Guatemala to move to her native Ireland as a caregiver for her parents. After three years of caregiving, she returned to the U.S. to minister on the border in El Paso, Texas, with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center for one year, before moving to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to minister as the religious education coordinator and support services coordinator at Holy Infancy Parish. After 14 years at Holy Infancy, Sr. Moira began her years in volunteer ministry, volunteering for three years at St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne. In 2021, Sr. Moira moved to Our Lady of Angels Convent and began ministering at Assisi House where she had a great devotion to the sisters in Clare Hall. She continued to minister there even after her move to Canticle Hall in 2025.

With a deep love for creation, it is not surprising that Sr. Moira loved gardening, walking in nature (forest, jungle, and ocean spots), and caring for animals (both wild and domestic). According to her friends, she trained the deer to eat out of her hands and fed the squirrels outside her office door. Sr. Moira was also a strong advocate for justice. Sr. Mary Kennedy shared that, "She lived an extremely simple lifestyle, and her passion was to serve all our brothers and sisters. She kept very little for herself, sending most of her budget and vacation money to Guatemala to help our bishop provide for the basic ministry of the pastoral agents with Bibles, trainings, etc."

When asked to share a reflection on her life as a Sister of St. Francis, Sr. Moira said, "Just to be is gift, to be accepted in community is surprising, to teach – nurse – accompany is fulfilling, to truly live community is challenging, to pray is daunting, to follow the example of the prophets before me is freeing. And to risk living the Gospel is to really live." Sr. Moira, you were a good and faithful sister. Rest now in the arms of our Loving Creator!



*All services will be held at Our Lady of Angels Convent, Aston, on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.
A Prayer Service will be held at 10:30 A.M., followed by a Memorial Mass at 11 A.M. The services will be livestreamed.*