

# Sister Regina McCloskey, OSF

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*"Whenever our Lord comes for me, I hope to be able to say,  
'Thank you! It's been a wonderful journey!'" ~ Sr. Regina McCloskey*



Sr. Regina McCloskey lived a life of loving service, animated by her deep love for God and others, and her unwavering commitment to making God's kingdom present in her corner of the world. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Francis and Mary, Sr. Regina was one of 11 children. The McCloskeys were members of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish, and Regina was a graduate of Hallahan High School. She entered the congregation in 1951 and professed her first vows in 1954. Sr. Regina earned a BS in Education from Villanova University and an MA in Theology from St. Bonaventure University.

Sr. Regina spent her early years in the congregation teaching in the Trenton Diocese. Her first missions after profession were teaching first and second grades at Holy Angels School in Trenton, and first and fifth grades at St. Leo the Great School in Lincroft. Following ten years in elementary education, Sr. Regina began teaching high school at St. Anthony High School in Trenton.

After 21 years in the Trenton Diocese, Sr. Regina spent the next 51 years ministering in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She began with three years in the education office in Aston, then taught for seven years at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield. Her longest ministry assignment was at St. Hubert High School in Philadelphia, where she ministered for 26 years—first as a teacher, then in the guidance office. Following 56 years in elementary and secondary education, Sr. Regina joined the Franciscan Care Team at Assisi House, ministering to her fellow sisters for ten years before transitioning to prayer ministry as a resident there.

At the news of her death, former students and coworkers took to Facebook to share memories and condolences. One coworker from St. Hubert's said, "I will always remember your loving spirit during my tenure on St. Hubert's faculty," while another coworker shared, "Sr. Regina was a wonderful and exemplary Sister of St. Francis. She was always a lot of fun and good for lots of laughs!" Several formal students said she was their favorite teacher and remembered her kindness and her sense of humor.

Sr. Regina was known for her positive attitude, her great sense of humor, and her mastery of an iron—skills she honed growing up with five brothers and five sisters. Legend has it that she could put a crease in pants that would last through five washes! Sr. Kate O'Donnell shared, "Regina was a joy to live with. We would often get ice cream and sit by the river watching the boats go by. She was a huge football fan and spent many hours trying to explain the game to me." An avid reader, Sr. Regina especially enjoyed biographies and historical novels. She also liked listening to classical music and opera. She once said, "God showed His love for me by giving me a beautiful, loving family of origin," and Sr. Regina enjoyed spending time with her large family.

When asked to share a reflection on her life as a Sister of St. Francis, Sr. Regina said, "The call to be a Sister of St. Francis enabled me to develop my innate gifts, and there were many sisters who inspired me to grow in my love of God by their prayerfulness, kindness to others, and generosity of self and time. God's loving forgiveness has been a call to me to love others unconditionally and to forgive the other as God forgives me." Well done, good and faithful servant. Rest now in the loving arms of your God.

*All services will be held in Assisi House on Thursday, January 29, 2026, and will be livestreamed.  
A Christian Wake Service will be held at 9:30 A.M., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 A.M.,  
and burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.*