

Sister Agnesmarie Slaight
October 29, 1931 – January 13, 2014

Sister Agnesmarie was born October 29, 1931 in Lynch, Nebraska. She was named Gloria by her parents Francis Emmett and Agnes Hughes Slaight. The Benedictine sisters in Lynch were responsible for her early faith formation. When she was eight she, her baby brother and her mother were all baptized on October 28, 1939 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lynch (her first formal "yes" to God). Her father returned to the Catholic church at that time.

She met the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity when she attended St. Mary's Academy in O'Neill, Nebraska. The year following her high school graduation in 1948 she taught. On August 17, 1950 she entered the convent at Marycrest in Denver, Colorado. At her investiture she received the name Agnesmarie. When Sister Agnesmarie was a novice, her mother was accidentally shot and died. When she returned home for the funeral, her cousin Mary offered to stay to take care of her father and brother, Gordon. She was most grateful to her cousin. Sr. Agnesmarie continued to respond to God's call to be a sister, her second formal "yes" to God. She professed her Temporary Vows at Marycrest in Denver, Colorado on August 15, 1952. She renewed her profession in 1953 at St. Francis Mission in South Dakota and in 1954 at Marycrest in Denver. On August 15, 1955 she made her Profession of Perpetual Vows at Marycrest in Denver, Colorado.

Sr. Agnesmarie received a B.S. from Regis College in Denver in 1959 and a Certificate of Theology from the College of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois in 1966. In 1973 she received her M.S. Ed. from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She also held a Pre-standard Junior Elementary Certificate and a Standard Administrative & Supervisory Teaching Certificate for the State of Nebraska.

For forty-seven years, from 1952-2000, she taught and/or was school principal as she served in her many assignments: at St. Francis Mission in South Dakota, St. Elizabeth's in Denver, Immaculate Conception in Rushville, NE, Holy Rosary Mission in South Dakota, Guardian Angels School in Denver, St. Mary's in O'Neill, and St. Agnes in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

She was at Queen of Peace Oratory in Denver 1976-77. Sister Agnesmarie was Local Minister at St. Anthony's Convent in O'Neill 1988-2000. She served four terms on the Sacred Heart Province Provincial Council (1986-1991, 1995-1999, 1999-2003, and 2007-2011). She was the Sacred Heart Province representative to the General Chapter in Rome twice.

Sr. Agnesmarie served as Assistant Administrator of Marian Residence from 2000-2004, followed by a year of sabbatical in many places. She served as Pastoral Minister at St. Nicholas Parish in Valentine 2005-2007. She continued to live there, participated actively in the local parish and its activities, in Mary, Our Lady of the Prairie Regional Community, and served as Coordinator for the Associates of the Province from 2011 until her death.

Sister Agnesmarie died peacefully at 9:00 a.m. on January 13. Her wake was held on January 17, followed by a Mass of the Resurrection on Saturday, January 18 at Marian Residence, both presided over by Fr. Lou Nollette. She was buried with the Sisters at Calvary Alliance Cemetery.