



▶ *Revelation 21:4*

“He will wipe every tear
from their eyes.
There will be no more
death or mourning
or crying or pain,
for the old order of things
has passed away.”

Blessings on the Journey

If you would like to share memories and stay connected with the Sisters, we welcome your visits, correspondence and calls. Our doors and our hearts are open to you!

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*In Loving
Memory*



▶ *Sr. M. Clotilde Barcomb*

1922—2015



“WE SHOULD PRAY ALWAYS
AND NOT LOSE HEART” (Lk 18:1)

Sr. Clotilde

At Rest
March 12, 2015

Sister Clotilde Barcomb was born on March 15, 1922, in Tupper Lake, NY, to James and Adele (Taillon) Barcomb and was given the name Mary Cora. A sister and two brothers later became part of the Barcomb family.

As a young woman, Mary Cora joined the Sodality of Mary. One day she saw a Sister and immediately knew that she wanted to be one. When she saw the Sisters going to various homes to visit the sick, she would run to a second floor window to see them longer. In order to pursue her heart's desire, she began to look into various religious communities. After seeing our congregation's ad in the *Sunday Visitor*, she requested information that helped her to know that this was the congregation she was to join.

On September 8, 1944, Mary Cora journeyed to the Motherhouse in Joliet, IL, to enter our congregation. This was a very difficult good-bye for her father, because it followed a good-bye to one of her brothers who left for war and was never seen or heard from again. So her father told her, "If you go to the convent, I never want to see you again." But after being received as a Novice on March 19, 1945, Sister Clotilde sent her father a

picture of herself, and she was told by relatives that, whenever guests came over, her father would run for that picture to show them. When Sister went home for her visit after First Profession of Vows on March 19, 1947, her father could not have given her a warmer welcome. Such peace and gratitude filled her heart. Three years later on March 19, 1950, Sister Clotilde joyfully and confidently professed her Perpetual Vows.

After First Profession, Sister Clotilde's life of service began to take shape and continually mature. For the next 26 ½ years, her ministry took her to the Seminary and Villa at Mundelein, IL, St. Joseph School in Lockport, IL, St. Vincent Orphanage and St. Francis Hospital in Freeport, IL, Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, IN, and St. Anne's Maternity Home in Los Angeles, CA. In each of these places, Sister praised the Lord through the work of her hands, whether in the Purchasing Department, caring for the elderly or other domestic services.

In September 1973, Sister Clotilde was missioned to the Motherhouse where she continued to use her gifts in being of service to others. Each task asked of her was done with the greatest of care. If any Sister was in need, Sister Clotilde was always available and eager to be of assistance. Sister had a special way of making visitors feel very welcome at the Motherhouse. She was a gracious hostess, especially in helping visitors in our chapel as well as assisting relatives who had come for the wakes and funerals of our Sisters. Sister Clotilde definitely lived her desire to be an instrument of God's kindness and love.

As the years went on, Sister found it necessary to limit her activities because of health problems. In May 2001, she entered retirement when her main ministry became one of prayer, lifting up the needs of others to her loving God. She also offered her many pains to God, asking that they not be taken away but that she would have more patience in bearing them. In addition,

Sister had the ability to appreciate the providence of God in her life, especially in difficult situations. She also had a great devotion to Our Lord in His Eucharistic presence, which was an inspiration to all of us. On the occasion of her 60th Jubilee in 2004, she said it was this devotion that especially deepened her commitment to the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

In October 2014, failing health required that Sister be transferred to Presence Villa Franciscan in Joliet, IL. In a short time, she came to feel comfortable and at home there, and her friendliness endeared her to the staff and residents. However on March 8, she was admitted to Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center, where on March 12 she was welcomed by her God into her eternal home.

Sister Clotilde, you leave with us the spiritual fragrance of your life – the fragrance of love that draws us to God and inspires us to work tirelessly for the Kingdom. With grateful hearts, we say a fond good-bye to you today, but look forward to that day when we will once again see your warm and welcoming smile. Enjoy now the blessed reward of your many deeds of goodness!

Interment: Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois



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Lord, make me
an instrument of Your peace.