

SISTER PAULINE LOGSDON 1923-2019

Edna Pauline Logsdon was born on April 5, 1923, in St. Patrick, MO, the daughter of William Gabriel and Nora Anna (Uhlmeyer) Logsdon. She was third in a family of ten children – John, Joseph LeRoy, Pauline, Alma, Bernard, James, Thomas, Robert, Donald, and Stephen. She was baptized on April 22, 1923, at St. Patrick Church, St. Patrick, MO.

Beginning at the age of four, Pauline attended St. Patrick Elementary and High School in St. Patrick, MO, graduating in 1940. After graduation, she attended Mount St. Clare College, Clinton, IA, for one year before answering the call to religious life.



She entered the congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis at Mount St. Clare Convent on September 6, 1941, and received the name Sister Mary Gertrude at her reception on June 16, 1942. She later resumed use of the name Sister Pauline. She made her first profession on August 12, 1944, and her final profession on August 12, 1947. Her novitiate classmate was Sister Eleanor Dunning.

Sister Pauline was an avid learner and pursued further education at every opportunity. After completing an associate degree from Mount St. Clare College, she earned a bachelor's degree in science education from St. Ambrose College, Davenport, IA. She received two master's degrees: in theology from Notre Dame and in catechetics from Catholic University of Santiago, Chile. Sister Pauline also earned a doctorate in gifted education from California Coast University, Santa Ana, CA. Along her life's journey, she took additional courses at universities in California, Minnesota, and Peru.

Sister Pauline's teaching ministry included classroom teaching, catechetical work, and gifted education for students from fourth grade through high school and college. She first taught upper elementary grades at St. Patrick's School, Clinton, IA, and St. Francis de Paula School, Chicago, IL. She was a science and theology instructor at Mount St. Clare Academy & College before being one of the four original sisters who went to Chulucanas, Peru, in 1965. She served in Chulucanas for ten years as Director of Catechetics.

Sister Pauline later taught at St. Justin the Martyr School, St. Louis, MO, and Mary Star of the Sea School, Freeport, Grand Bahamas, where she established a program for gifted students. In 1990, she founded the Enrichment Program for Gifted Students at St. Gerald School, Oak Lawn, IL, and was its coordinator until her retirement.

During summers when she wasn't studying, Sister Pauline was a chaplain on pilgrimage tours to Europe, the Middle East, and elsewhere, making approximately fifteen trips and visiting sixty-two countries.

Sister Pauline retired at The Canticle, Clinton, IA, in November 2004. She moved to The Alverno in the spring of 2019, where she resided until her death on September 6, 2019, exactly 78 years from the day of her entrance into the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, IA.

She is survived by her brothers Bernard (Joan) of Keokuk, IA; Donald (Wanda) of Moline, IL; and Steven (Georgia) of Temple, TX; sister-in-law, Betty Logsdon of Kahoka, MO; many nieces and nephews; and the Sisters of St. Francis, with whom she shared life for 78 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers John, Joseph LeRoy, James, Robert, and Thomas; and sister, Alma.