

## Sister Joanne Baltz, OP



Dominican Sister of Peace Joanne Baltz (89) died at Regina Care Center in Akron, OH on December 18, 2018. Born August 25, 1929, Sr. Joanne was the daughter of Margaret Thimmes and Albert Baltz of Lancaster, OH. She felt called by God from a very early age, but worked as a bookkeeper for a short while before entering religious life 1948.

Sr. Joanne began her ministry as a primary school teacher in Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Ohio Dominican University in 1958, taking classes at the same time that she was teaching primary school in Ohio. She earned her Master of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Notre Dame in 1966, as well as additional courses in administration, supervision and child psychology at Xavier and the University of Dayton. She truly loved working with little children, and did her best to be as prepared as possible to give her students a quality academic and moral grounding.

Sr. Joanne served as a principal for 23 years at St. Francis, Newark, OH, and St. Mary in Lancaster, OH.

After leaving teaching, Sr. Joanne served as the Administrator of the Columbus, OH, Motherhouse and the Fleet Manager for the Community. Her organizational and administrative skills were a true asset in these important roles!

She spent several years caring for her own family members before she moved to the Mohun Health Care Center, where she served as a volunteer as well as in prayer and presence. She was particularly helpful to our Activities Director, helping to set up and offer assistance to other Sisters.

Sr. Joanne was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Thimmes and Thomas Baltz, her brothers Albert and John, and her sister Mary. She is survived by her sister Dorothy, and nieces and nephews.

Sr. Joanne was remembered at a December 19 wake and December 20 Funeral Mass at the Chapel in the Columbus Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She was interred at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Columbus, OH.

Memorial gifts in Sr. Joanne Baltz's memory may be submitted securely online at [oppeace.org](http://oppeace.org) or sent to the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Office of Mission Advancement, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219.