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Dominican Sister of Peace Betty (Mary Thaddeus) Baltrinic, died on March 5, 2020, at the Regina Care Center in Richfield, OH.

Sr. Betty was born to Mary Pozderac and Michael Baltrinic of Empire, OH, in 1929. She was one of eleven children born into the Baltrinic family, and a childhood of sharing created a woman who wanted to “make a difference” in the lives of children and those suffering from poverty, abuse and injustice. She joined the Dominican Sisters of Peace in 1952, and served God’s people in education, social justice, pastoral ministry and community service for 58 years.

Sr. Betty earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from St. John College and her Master of Science in Education from the University of Akron. She ministered as a primary school educator for forty years in Ohio,

twenty-five of which were at Our Lady of the Elms in Akron, OH.

In 1995, Sr. Betty became the Pastoral Minister at Our Lady of the Elms. Serving as teacher, Pastoral Minister, and Justice Coordinator, she was able to exercise her passion for social justice issues, and to share her passion for justice with other teachers and students alike.

After visiting with her sister, Sr. Bernadine Baltrinic, who was missioned in El Salvador, she developed a special love for the children of Central America. She became an active member of the Central American Solidarity Association of Akron, and combined her love of education and of social justice by serving as the local coordinator of the Clean Our Desk project, which collected school supplies left at the end of the school year to aid children in Nicaragua. Closer to home, Sr. Betty volunteered with a shelter for battered women.

Sr. Betty was also a faithful servant to her Congregation. She served on the Board of Elections, the Community and Spirit Life Commission, in the Formation program and as the Candidate Directress.

She served as a Community Volunteer in Akron until 2013, when she retired to the Regina Health Center.

In 1990, she received the organization's Woman of the Year Award sponsored by the Women's History Project of Akron. In the same year, her colleagues voted for her to receive the Excellence in Education Award. Sister Betty was the recipient in 2001 of the Catherine of Siena Award given

by the Sisters of St. Dominic to a woman who promoted and empowered others in peace and justice.

Sister Betty is survived by her brother, Robert; sisters, Sister Bernadine Baltrinic, OP and Dolores Mae Kennedy; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Sisters and friends gathered to share their memories of Sr. Betty Baltrinic on March 10. The Mass of Christian Burial was conducted on March 11. Both services were held at the Akron Motherhouse Chapel. Sr. Betty was interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron, OH,

Memorial gifts in Sr. Betty Baltrinic's memory may be sent to Dominican Sisters of Peace, Office of Mission Advancement, 2320 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219-2098. To make a secure online donation or to view a full obituary, please visit [www.oppeace.org](http://www.oppeace.org).