

## *May The Angels Lead Her Into Paradise*



### Sister Christopher Weber

Born December 11, 1928

First Monastic Profession

July 11, 1950

Perpetual Monastic Profession

July 11, 1953

Entered Eternal Life

November 21, 2013

Sister Christopher (Mary) Weber, OSB, 84, died at the Talahi Senior Center in St. Cloud, Minn., at 4:24 p.m., on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

Mary, born in rural Nashua, Glasgow, Mont., was one of Stephen and Kunegunda (Weinkauf) Weber's eight children. She attended South Side Grammar Public Grade School and Glasgow Public High School in Glasgow. After graduation, she attended the College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn., where she found the Sisters to be "admirable, caring women" and strong role models. She entered Saint Benedict's Monastery on November 27, 1948, and was received into the novitiate in 1949, receiving the name S. Christopher. She made her first monastic profession on July 11, 1950, and her perpetual monastic profession on July 11, 1953.

S. Christopher graduated from the College of Saint Benedict with a B.A. degree in English, and minors in history, philosophy, and education. She taught at Sts. Peter and Paul Elementary School in Richmond, Minn., for ten years, and was also principal there during her last four years. From 1960 to 1963, she taught English, history and social studies at Memorial High School in Pierz, Minn., and from there served at Cathedral High School, St. Cloud, Minn., for a year. In 1965, S. Christopher earned a Master of Arts in secondary school administration from Iowa State University, then was principal and counselor at St. Benedict's High School, St. Joseph, Minn., from 1965 to 1970. She attended the University of Maine from 1970 to 1972, graduating with a Master of Education in elementary school guidance and counseling. While at the University of Maine, she was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

In the fall of 1972, S. Christopher joined the community's mission at St. Anselm College, Manchester, N.H., where she served from 1972 to 2008. She was assistant, then associate professor in the Education Department at St. Anselm College, and also filled the role of assistant chaplain. She chaired the Education Department for six years, made presentations at national conferences, authored departmental publications, wrote for professional journals, and served on a variety of professional committees including roles as chair and co-chair. S. Christopher also served as President of the Council for Religious Sisters for the State of New Hampshire. Upon her return to Minnesota, she went to St. Scholastica Convent in St. Cloud, where she was involved in pastoral care and prayer ministry.

S. Christopher liked the experience of living in a small community while simultaneously being able to be a part of an academic community where she was stimulated by interaction with students, faculty and the St. Anselm Abbey monastic community. She expressed her gratitude for this opportunity.

S. Christopher is survived by the Sisters of her Benedictine community, by her sister Marilyn Mangnall and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Paul, Stephen, and Richard; and her sisters Katherine Cassidy, Dorothy Geerta, and Bernice Walter.

S. Christopher's openness to the opportunities for the acquisition of knowledge and personal growth enabled her to share her God-given talents with her many students and associates. She strived to live in a holistic manner and her life evidenced a commitment to lifelong, continuous learning in Benedict's "School of the Lord's Service." We rejoice with S. Christopher in her new life with her loving God.