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St Joseph

Nov. 19, 1933 – Dec. 15, 2008

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19, at the Sacred Heart Chapel, Saint Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, Minn., for Sister Nancy Hynes who died on December 15, 2008, at Saint Scholastica Convent, St. Cloud, Minn. Burial will be in the monastery cemetery. Friends may call at Saint Scholastica Convent on Thursday, December 18, from 1-6 p.m., or for a Vigil Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at Saint Benedict's Monastery. Visitation continues at 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral on Friday, December 19, at 10:30 a.m. S. Nancy was born November 19, 1933, to Stanley and Charlotte (Cram) Hynes in Winnebago, Minn.



She graduated from the public grade school and Winnebago Public High School. She entered Saint Benedict's Monastery September 12, 1956, and was received into the novitiate June 18, 1957, made her first monastic profession on July 11, 1958, and her perpetual profession on July 11, 1961.

She received a B.A. degree in English with minors in history, philosophy and secondary education from the College of Saint Benedict, an M.A. degree in English from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., and a Ph.D. degree in English with an emphasis on rhetoric, literature and linguistics from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Further study and research took her to the University of Southampton in England; Iowa State University; Yale University; Syracuse University; and the University of Minnesota.

As an educator, S. Nancy taught English at St. Boniface High School, Cold Spring; Cathedral High School, St. Cloud; Immaculate Conception High School, Stephan, S.D., and Pierz Memorial High School in Pierz, Minn. S. Nancy's long career at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University began in the Development Office, where she was director of public information. She rose to the rank of full professor in the English department, where she taught for 32 years. During her teaching career, she served as faculty advisor for Studio One, a journal of the arts, and accompanied study groups to Hawaii and England. The Sister Nancy Hynes Center for Women, named in her honor, opened in September 2007.

S. Nancy was a prolific scholar, the editor of a collection of works by Mariella Gable, OSB, titled *Literature of Spiritual Values and Catholic Fiction*, and a biography of J. F. Powers. She also regularly lectured on these authors and other topics to community, monastic and school groups. In community life at the monastery, she gave reflections at the Eucharist, sang in the monastic schola and led liturgies as cantor.

S. Nancy is survived by her Benedictine community and one brother, John Patrick Hynes. Her parents and one sister, Rosemary Hynes Threlkeld, preceded her in death.

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