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**Sister Grace Marie Curtin, SSND
Teacher and Principal**

Greenfield, Wis. – School Sister of Notre Dame Grace Marie Curtin died Sunday, January 15, 2012, at Our Lady of the Angels Retirement Community, Greenfield, Wis. She was 83.

Sister Grace Marie Curtin was born in Marshfield, Wis. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1944 from Sacred Heart Parish, Marshfield. She professed first vows in 1948. She earned a bachelor's in English in 1958 from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee and a master's in elementary education in 1971 from the Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa.



As a candidate, her first teaching positions were at St. James, Belvidere, Ill., 1946 and St. Luke, Gary, Ind., 1946-47. After her profession, Sister Grace Marie taught at St. Aloysius, West Allis, Wis., 1948-54; St. Mary, Neillsville, Wis., 1954-63. In addition to teaching duties, she served as principal at St. Peter, Chippewa Falls, Wis., 1963-1969 and Holy Ghost, Chippewa Falls, Wis., 1969-72. Sister Grace Marie taught at St. Malachy, Horicon, Wis., 1972-74; served as principal of St. Joseph, Appleton, Wis., 1974-76; taught at St. Sebastian, Bessemer, Mich., 1976-85; and was principal of St. Vincent de Paul, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., 1985-1992; taught at Pauline Memorial Catholic School, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1992-93; served as assistant librarian at St. Mary Central High School, Menasha, Wis., 1994-97. She lived in Loyal, Wis. from 1998-2009 and volunteered with the Fox Valley Literacy Coalition, assisted at St. Mary, Menasha, Wis. with after school child care and at St. Anthony, Loyal with religious education. Sister Grace Marie retired to Notre Dame of Elm Grove in 2009, joining its retirement community of prayer, presence and service. In September 2011, she moved to Our Lady of the Angels Community, Greenfield, Wis.

Sister Grace Marie is survived by Audrey Curtin, Sr. Naomi Curtin, SSND, Jerome (Bev) Curtin, Maxine Hughey, Marleen (Bill) Tucker, Tom Curtin, Richard (Yuma) Curtin and Mary Ellen (Ray) Geoffroy, other relatives, friends and the SSND Community.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Retirement Fund, c/o SSND Mission Advancement Office, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122-2291.

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