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**Sister Martha Jean Saykly, SSND  
Teacher, Art Educator, Principal**

**Elm Grove, Wis.** – School Sister of Notre Dame Martha Jean Saykly died on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at the Bishop Noa Home, Escanaba, Mich. She was 92.

Sister Martha Jean Saykly was born in Escanaba, Mich. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1940 from St. Patrick Parish, Escanaba, Mich. She professed first vows in 1943. She earned a bachelor of philosophy degree in 1955 from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee.



Sister Martha Jean served as an educator in Catholic schools for 49 years. Her first teaching position was at St. Francis Xavier, Green Bay, Wis., 1943-58. In addition, she taught at Sacred Heart, Appleton, Wis., 1958-61; Sacred Heart, Marshfield, Wis., 1961-63; St. Joseph, Escanaba, Mich., 1963-65; St. Francis Xavier, DePere, Wis., 1965-70; Messmer High School, Milwaukee, 1970-74; Catholic Central High School, Marinette, Wis., 1974-79; St. Paul, Bloomer, Wis., 1979-1981; and Catholic Central High School, Marinette, Wis., 1981-84. She moved to part-time teaching at Holy Name, Escanaba, Wis., 1984-85 and her last teaching position was at Catholic Central High School, Marinette, Wis., 1985-1992. With retirement in 1992, she continued ministry involvements through crafts, soup kitchen, adult ministry and art.

Sister Martha Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Mary; siblings, Josephine Saykly, Angeline Kobasic, Louise Weissert, Fred Saykly, Margaret Saykly, Edward Saykly; and brothers-in-law, John Schiska, Don Mayville, Peter Kobasic, Fritz Weissert. She is survived by Elizabeth Schiska, Marie Mayville; sisters-in-law, Bea Saykly, Katherine Saykly; nieces, nephews, cousins and the SSND Community. Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial were held October 12 at St. Anne Church, Escanaba, Mich. Her burial was in the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Escanaba.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Saykly family for a memorial fund to be established in the future.

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