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Sister Dyonne Finn, SSND
Teacher, Principal, Administrator, Director of Religious Education,
Pastoral Care Associate and Bereavement Coordinator

Elm Grove, Wis. – School Sister of Notre Dame Dyonne Finn died Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wis. She was 74.

Sister Dyonne Finn was born in Escanaba, Mich. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1955 from St. Joseph Parish, Escanaba, Mich. She professed first vows in 1957. She earned a bachelor's in English in 1966 from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee and a master's in administration in 1973 from Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa.



Sister Dyonne's first teaching position was at Blessed Sacrament, Morton, Ill., 1958-62. She taught at St. Aloysius, West Allis, 1962-68; Sacred Heart, Calumet, Mich., 1968-70 while also serving as principal; St. Charles, Chippewa Falls, Wis., 1970-72 and was principal at St. Jerome, Oconomowoc, Wis., 1972-78. She was director of curricular service for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, 1978-81. She taught at Holy Family Consolidated, Marinette, Wis., 1981-84; served as director of religious education at All Saints, Gladstone, Mich., 1984-86; and her last teaching position was at Menominee Catholic Central, Menominee, Mich., 1986-87. Sister Dyonne studied clinical pastoral care at St. Luke Hospital, Milwaukee and began her second career. She worked in pastoral care at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton, Wis., 1988-90; Maryhill Manor, Niagra, Wis., 1990-97; in pastoral ministry at Marquette General Home Health, Escanaba, Mich. while also serving as director of religious education, St. Joseph Parish, Perkins, Mich., 1998-99. She was a bereavement coordinator, Marquette General Home Health, Escanaba, Mich., 1999-2008. After retiring in 2008, in addition to serving by her prayers and presence, she did volunteer ministry with the elderly in Escanaba, Mich.

Sister Dyonne is survived by her sister Kathy (Ray) Maanika, nieces, nephews, 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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