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**Sister Mary Frances Therese Gibson, SSND**  
**Teacher, Librarian and Religious Education Coordinator/Director**

**Elm Grove, Wis.** – Sister Mary Frances Therese Gibson died Sunday, October 2, 2011, at Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Elm Grove, Wis. She was 91.

Sister Mary Frances Therese was born in Postville, Iowa. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1933 from St. Gabriel Parish in Prairie du Chien, Wis. She professed first vows in 1939. She earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1948 from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee.



Sister Mary Frances Therese served in education for 54 years. She began her teaching career at St. Joseph, Milwaukee, 1939-49. In addition, she taught at Holy Angels, West Bend, Wis., 1949-53; St. Michael, Milwaukee, 1953-55; San Vincente, Barrigada Guam, 1955-59; St. Frances, Yona, Guam, 1959-65; St. Mary, Glen Haven, Wis., 1965-69; St. John Nepomucene, Prairie du Chien, Wis., 1969-70; St. Gabriel, Prairie du Chien, Wis., 1970-71; St. Mary, Burlington, Wis., 1971-72; St. Nicholas, Freedom, Wis., 1972-73; and her final classroom post was at Notre Dame High School, Talofoto, Guam, 1985-87 where she also served as librarian, 1985-89. She worked as librarian at Xavier High School, Turk, Caroline Islands, 1988-89. As a religious education coordinator/director, she served at St. Patrick, Menasha, Wis., 1973-79; Holy Rosary, Darlington, Wis., 1979-80; Christ King, Wauwatosa, Wis., 1980-81; Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, Wis., 1981-85; and Sacred Heart, Allenton, Wis., 1990-93. She retired in 1993 and continued ministry through her prayers and presence.

Sister Mary Frances Therese is survived by her sister, Sister Mary Ernest Gibson, SSND, 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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