

Name..... GORMAN, MARGARET MARY
Birth July 18, 1919 Kingston, N.Y.
Parents Vincent A. Gorman & Margaret Thomser
Nationality American
Next of Kin Dr. Rosemary Gorman (twin sister)
626 Westminster Ave.
Elizabeth, N.J. 07206
Baptism July 28, 1919
Confirmation October 23, 1929
Entrance September 8, 1939-Kenwood
Prise d'Habit March 15, 1940-Kenwood
First Vows..... March 19, 1942-Kenwood
Profession..... February 10, 1948-Mother House-Rome, Italy
Studies Grade 1-12-Kenwood Albany, 1935 (Licensed Psychologist, MA)
BA - English/History--Trinity, D.C. 1939
MA - Philosophy --Fordham 1952
PhD- Ed. Psychol/Phil-Catholic U. 1956
Death May 16, 1995-Boston (75 yrs. 10 mos.)

Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery; Boston, Massachusetts

YEAR	PLACE	EMPLOYMENT	SUPERIOR
1942-1946	Eden Hall	Taught Grade 9, later Math & Religion	
1946-1947	Noroton	Taught History, English Math-High School	
9/1947-1948	Mother House Rome	Probation	
1948-1951	Noroton	Taught Grades 10 & 11 & Math, religion & other courses	
1951-1953	Grosse P.	Taught grade 9 & other courses in H.S.--Lived in Dorn	
1953-1957	Stone R. Bethesda	Teacher of courses in H.S. - Charged with studies Studying for Ph.D. at C.U.	
1957-1959	Philadelphia Archdiocese Torresdale	Taught some religion courses-Principal-St. Katherine's Parochial School	
1959-1975	Newton College	Chair, Psych. Dept. Taught Pschology courses & directed Psych. Dept.	
1975-1994	Boston College Chestnut Hill	Adjunct Prof. Psychology & Theology. Prof. at Boston College.	
10/94-1995	Stuart House	Retired Died May 16, 1995-Boston	

Margaret Gorman, R.S.C.J.
1919-1995

*I have fought the good fight to the end;
I have run the race to the finish;
I have kept the faith.
All there is to come now is the
crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the just judge,
will give me on that Day ...*

(2 Tim. 4:7-8)

"That Day" came quickly for Sister Margaret Gorman, who died on May 16, 1995. Surely she had "run the race to the finish": she was correcting papers in her Boston College office when she was taken ill and hospitalized; her condition grew rapidly worse, and the Lord came for her three days later.

Margaret's life was one of generous and varied activity. She not only "kept the faith"; she shared it with all those whose lives she touched in many places and over many years. She and her twin sister Rosemary were born in Kingston, New York, on July 18, 1919, the daughters of Vincent and Margaret (Thompson) Gorman. An older brother, Vincent, completed the family circle. Margaret and Rosemary graduated from Kenwood in 1935 and from Trinity College in 1939. Margaret entered at Kenwood the following September, and Rosemary went on to Medical School. The twins had never been separated before, but the bond between them continued to be very close.

Margaret completed her noviceship under the direction of Mother Agnes Barry, and pronounced her Vows in March, 1942. The next five years saw her teaching at Eden Hall and Noroton, and in 1947 she went to Rome for Probation, where she was directed by Reverend Mother Elisabeth Zurstrassen. After her Profession on February 10, 1948, Margaret taught at Noroton and Grosse Pointe; in 1953 she was transferred to the recently formed Washington Province. At this time she began her doctoral studies at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where she received her degree in 1956; in 1959 she went to Newton College in Boston. After the 1975 "merger" with Boston College, she served at Boston College in the Departments of Theology and Psychology for the remaining twenty years of her life.

This brief summary reveals little of the breadth and variety of Margaret's educational apostolate. As a teacher in the schools, she is remembered for her versatility, her high standards and – especially – for her concern for each individual student, a trait that characterized her throughout her long career. Between 1973 and 1975 she had worked with Lawrence Kohlberg and James Fowler on a project involving moral and faith development, and this study influenced much of her later thinking, writing, and teaching on the psychology

of religious and moral values. At Newton, she organized and chaired the Psychology Department, and at Boston College her influence was particularly strong in the interdisciplinary Peace and Justice Program (PULSE): students have said that the principles and values Margaret shared with them in that course not only made them aware of social issues, but in some cases directed them to Public Service careers. She was named an "Outstanding Educator in America" in 1973.

The scope of Margaret's apostolate was not confined to the classroom, however, for she reached out to many other areas that often took her far afield. In 1962 she began her work as consultant on communications to the Army and Air Force, a commitment which, for over thirty years, involved frequent conferences in various parts of the United States and overseas, both in Europe and the Far East, and which earned her a civilian appointment with the equivalent rank of a two-star General. Her skills as a lecturer took her twice to Australia, and in the US she was often called upon to give conferences and workshops to IBM and other business groups. She was also active in local organizations such as the Newton Chamber of Commerce, where she served on the Human Rights Commission and with the Community Service Center. Numerous citations and awards express the warm appreciation of these organizations for her dedicated and competent service. Her gifts as both educator and administrator were particularly evident in the important role she played in the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, with which she worked closely from its inception in 1976. She served on the Board of Trustees from 1976 to 1994, and, as chairperson of the Board for seventeen of those years, oversaw the development of the School into a fully-accredited and well-respected institution.

Although Margaret pursued these activities while carrying a strenuous teaching load, she never let her academic commitments take second place. She gave herself totally to whatever she did, and most people were unaware of the physical strain that was the price of that total dedication. During this last winter, however, she seemed, to those of us who knew her best, to be struggling with exhaustion and considerable pain. But even though her "race" was close to "the finish," she soldiered on until the very end of the semester: one of her last requests, from the hospital, was for an assurance that her final grades were "in" on time. At her wake -- which, like her funeral, took place in the lovely Chapel of the Country Day School -- relatives, friends, former students, and colleagues past and present came to grieve and to recall, with gratitude and affection, the graces that Margaret had brought into their lives.

We had sung the *In Paradisum* as we stood about her death bed, and we sang it again as she was carried from the chapel, sure that the Angels were indeed leading her into Paradise to receive the "crown of righteousness" the Lord reserved for her in the Love of His Heart. May she rest in Peace.