

*The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters invite your prayers for*

**SISTER CATHERINE ALBERS**  
*of the Blessed Sacrament*



**Sister Catherine Albers**  
**1920 – 2016**

**Memorial**

Tuesday, January 3, 2017  
4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel  
Wheaton, Illinois

**Mass of Christian Burial**

Wednesday, January 4, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel  
Wheaton, Illinois

**Burial**

Assumption Cemetery  
Winfield, Illinois

Sr. Catherine Albers wrote that she wanted to be remembered as a caring woman who served the needs of people who were poor and of differing cultures. This is how the hearts of her sisters and companions, the Wheaton Franciscans, and the hearts of her family and friends and all the folks she served will always remember her. Sr. Kate, as she preferred to be called, was a Franciscan woman of simple and eloquent dignity and creativity, who passionately seeded peace and presence, love and gospel faithfulness, intention and attention, wherever she journeyed.

Catherine Adelaida was born to Herman and Catherine Albers on March 29, 1920. They brought her to St. Anthony's Church in St. Louis, Missouri for baptism on April 4, 1920. She was a sister among eleven siblings. She entered the Wheaton Franciscan family in St. Louis, Missouri in 1938 taking the name of Sr. Ambrose, professed first vows in 1940 and final vows in 1944. Sr. Catherine's education and professional training included a BS in Nursing, a Masters in Health Administration, and membership in the American College of Hospital Administrators.

She served as a nurse and as an administrator in several of the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Hospitals of Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, and also Michigan. She was also a nurse and midwife in Brazil and Nigeria and Vredenburgh, Alabama. Sr. Kate also served the Wheaton Franciscan community in local leadership and as a member of the Finance Committee, the Social Justice Committee, on hospital boards, and as a volunteer with DuPage Community Clinic and People's Resource Center.

Sr. Catherine Albers said that she was happy in all her many ministries, as challenging and diverse as they were, but her favorite places were working with people of other cultures. She also enjoyed needlework, reading novels as well as theology and spiritual books, travel, music, concerts, and taking pictures of family and places she traveled to. She mostly loved doing this with others.

Sr. Kate, you were one loving light of God's abundant love as a global servant. Our hearts burn with your presence as we remember you and as you breathe forever among us and among so many sisters and brothers of Earth.

