



The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters invite your prayers for

SISTER JULIANNE DIEBOLD
of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

“What one heart can do for another heart! Is there any beauty in the world that can match this?” Thus writes the Sufi poet Hafiz. And thus lived Sr. Julianne Diebold in her relationships with the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the hearts of everyone that she engaged throughout her almost 96 years of life.

Otilia Alvina was gifted to our world by Dennis and Margaret Diebold on February 10, 1921, and presented for baptism by her parents the next day in St. Augustine’s Church, Kelso, Missouri. She was one of eleven children, with Sisters Flora and Denise also members of the Wheaton Franciscans. At the age of 30, Otilia entered the Wheaton Franciscans receiving the name of Sr. Julianne Diebold of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She professed her final vows in 1957. All her life, she breathed goodness and joy perpetually and helpfully to all as she lived out the title of her patron.

Sr. Julianne served as a seamstress and fabric artist in our missions in Racine and Milwaukee, Wisconsin as well as in Waterloo, Iowa and Wheaton, Illinois. She lovingly cared for sisters in her service as Assistant Directress and Community Coordinator in both Milwaukee and Wheaton. Everywhere she companioned others with a large heart and wise smile with a twinkle in her eye. She had one desire: to be a manifestation of our loving God.

Julianne loved trees and unlike her usual quiet ways she could wax eloquently on the spiritual wisdom of a tree. With the poet Tagore she might have proclaimed, “Trees are the Earth’s endless effort to speak to the listening heaven.”

Sr. Julianne, we hold you to this endless prayer and love as we remember you, a woman who proclaimed:

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and beheld service was joy.”

~ Tagore

Sister Julianne Diebold
1921 – 2017

Memorial

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
Wheaton, Illinois

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
Wheaton, Illinois

Burial

Assumption Cemetery
Winfield, Illinois

