



**Sister M. Anselma Micka
1918 – 2016**

Memorial

Sunday, February 14, 2016
4:00 PM

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
Wheaton, Illinois

Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, February 15, 2016
10:00 AM

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
Wheaton, Illinois

Burial

Assumption Cemetery
Winfield, Illinois

The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters invite your prayers for

**SISTER M. ANSELMA MICKA
*of the Holy Spirit***

Sister M. Anselma, Beatrice Micka, was born June 13, 1918, in St. Louis, daughter of Catherine (Esswein) and Frank N. Micka. Beatrice had ten siblings, among whom four of her eight sisters also entered religious life, and her two brothers became Franciscan priests – Rev. Ermin Micka and Rev. Victorin Micka. Of her sisters, Sr. Mary Paul was a member with her in our congregation and Srs. M. Francis, M. Catherine and Rosemary entered another congregation. Her sisters Catherine and Gertrude married, her sister Frances died in 1911 and Dolores in 1952. Beatrice attended St. Anthony of Padua elementary and high school in St. Louis. As a member of our congregation, she later attended St. Louis University where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1960.

When asked about her decision to enter our congregation, she wrote: *Having lived in a Franciscan Parish from birth and after I became older, volunteered at the Friary, working directly with the Franciscan Fathers, I was very much attracted to the Franciscan way of life. ... Since I did not want to become a teacher and wanted to be a Franciscan, I chose to enter at St. Anthony Hospital, our Motherhouse at the time. Another big reason to enter there was that my sister, Sister Mary Paul, was already a member there.*

Beatrice became a postulant on October 19, 1942. On May 19, 1943, on becoming a novice, Beatrice received the name Sister M. Anselma with the title “of the Holy Spirit.” In May 1945 she professed temporary vows and in May 1948 perpetual vows. As a Sister in temporary vows, Sr. M. Anselma began her career as accountant in the congregation, serving first at St. Anthony Hospital, and later at St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau and at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin. In 1981 Sr. M. Anselma was called to the Motherhouse in Wheaton to serve as assistant to the Provincial Treasurer. In 1985 she was officially appointed Assistant Province Treasurer and eventually became Province Treasurer, a position she held until her retirement in 2005.

As Sr. M. Anselma declined in health, she was transferred to Franciscan Woods (nursing home) in Brookfield, Wisconsin, on June 23, 2010 and then to Resurrection Life Center in Chicago on January 25, 2013. There, on February 8, 2016, she gave her life back to God.

*May the Angels welcome her into God's presence
and rejoice with her throughout eternity.*

