

Sister Catherine Monahan, O.C.D.

Born - Professed- Entered Eternal Life - July 21, 2011

At 1:40 AM on July 21st, at Marian Manor in South Boston, our Sr. Catherine of the Trinity "finished the race." Catherine had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for many years; the last four she spent in Marian Manor under the loving care of the Carmelites for the Aged and Infirm. We visited with her each week.

Sisters Bernadette Therese and Mary Teresa had been to see her the day before she died. Carlos Suarez, who had been Catherine's social worker before he entered the seminary, came to say Mass for us the day after her death.

Sister was waked in our choir, one day for the community and the following day for the public. Her funeral on the 25th, was celebrated by Bishop Hennessey who was joined by a number of clergy. Kevin Culligan, OCD gave the homily.

Our sisters from Concord and Barrington joined us along with Sr. Catherine's many nieces, relatives, and friends, for a final send-off that gave every sign of Sr. Catherine, herself, being actively present. The last hymn, sung on our way to the crypt, was a rousing rendition of *When the Saints Go Marching In*. Then we invited everyone to the garden for lunch where one of Sr. Catherine's young relatives, about six years of age, treated us to Irish step-dancing, a fitting farewell to one whose life was a celebration in God.

