



**Sr. Thérèse Mary of Jesus Crucified, O.C.D.  
(Eileen Mary Murray)**

Born: April 24, 1932 - Profession of Vows: June 15, 1953 - Entered into Eternal Life: April 25, 2012

Sister Thérèse Mary Murray, OCD of the Carmelite Monastery in Beacon, NY died on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Her courageous journey with Alzheimer's ended the morning after her 80th birthday. Sister had been living at Cabrini since September

of 2009 where she was a peaceful and much loved resident.

Eileen Mary Murray (Sister Thérèsee Mary) was born on April 24, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY the fourth of five children. Her parents, Patrick and Helen (Gallagher) Murray who had come to the US from Ireland predeceased Sister as did her brother, James Murray and her sister, Mary Murray. Eileen was 16 when her mother died.

Eileen attended Bishop McDonnell High School in Brooklyn. In November 1951 she entered the Carmelite Monastery on University Ave. in the Bronx where she received the name Sister Thérèse Mary of Jesus Crucified. One year later in November 1952, with five other sisters, Sister Thérèse founded the Monastery in Saranac Lake, NY where she pronounced her vows on June 15, 1953.

Contributing in many ways to the vitality of the Saranac Lake Carmel, Sister Thérèse served as novice mistress, prioress, secretary and treasurer of the community. She was a gifted singer and writer, an excellent seamstress, designing and sewing vestments for priests as well as baptismal gowns for infants. Living as she did with a song in her heart and often on her lips, she added much joy to life in the community.

In 2000 when the three Carmels of Barre, VT, Saranac Lake, NY and Beacon, NY united to form a new community, the Carmel of the Incarnation in Beacon, Sister Thérèse was among the founding sisters.

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