



Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness! – Matthew 25:21

Sister Peter Parry, 91, died on Sept. 21, 2022, at Ross Hall in Leavenworth, Kan. She faithfully served the people of God as a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth (SCL) for 73 years. She was a lifelong educator who, with a loving heart, an authentic smile, and trusting eyes, encouraged hundreds of children and adults to succeed in academic endeavors no matter their stages in life.

Patricia Frances Parry was born on March 24, 1931, in Kansas City, Mo., one of three children of William and Gertrude (Hawkins) Parry. She attended St. Mary Grade School, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Saint Mary Academy, Leavenworth. Patricia graduated with a BS in elementary education from Saint Mary College, Leavenworth, and an MS in elementary education from Eastern Montana University, Billings, Mont. She entered the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth on Aug. 18, 1949, and, as Sister Peter Claver, made her profession of vows on Aug. 15, 1951. She later changed her religious name to Sister Peter.

During her nearly six-decade teaching ministry, Sister Peter served in schools in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. She was a devout instructor of math, English, life skills, and the ways of goodness and equality. She welcomed all and knew no strangers, making Sister Peter a successful mentor to all who came to her as a student. In 1976, Sister Peter became involved in programs to help those in need of a special introduction to the art of learning. The first of these was a GED program commissioned by the KCK Archdiocese. Sister Peter then taught at Donnelly College, Kansas City, Kan., where in 1986 she was named director of the Basic Education for Lifelong Learning (BELL) program, a program she was instrumental in founding. In 1988, Sister received the Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Adult Education Association. In succeeding years, she volunteered at Duchesne Clinic in Kansas City, Kan. Sister Peter retired to Ross Hall in 2021 where she enjoyed various activities, prayer, and companionship with her fellow SCLs.

Sister Peter was known for her compassionate and kind demeanor, no doubt a teacher who will live in the memory of her students forever. She was once lovingly adorned "Sister Piece of Paper" by a young parishioner who could not yet pronounce her name. The young girl reflected that she can still remember Sister Peter laughing and waving in response to the gaffe. Students found Sister relatable with her magnetic personality, and Sister's pride rested on her students. Her faith in the betterment of humanity was unwavering, thus, pushing hundreds of adults to complete their education and lead successful lives. Sister Peter will be remembered fondly and missed dearly by all who knew her.

Preceding Sister Peter's death were her parents, her brother William, her sister Margaret (Jane) Arnett, and her deceased Sisters of the SCL Community. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, and her SCL Community.

Monday, October 10, 2022

Homecoming — 4:00 p.m.

Vigil Service — 7:00 p.m.

Ross Chapel

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 a.m.

Ross Chapel