

Sister Fidelis Mullins

Motto: “Make me faithful until death”.

Fidelis was born in Gort, Co. Galway, Ireland, on October 26, 1918, the youngest of three girls. She was baptised Bridget. She entered the Little Company of Mary in Rome on September 8th, 1948.

Fidelis ministered as a nurse in Rome, Florence, Milan and, for a short time, in the Vatican with the late Archbishop Dermot Ryan. As a nurse she excelled in the care of her patients and in the efficient way she directed whatever department she worked in.

Fidelis was a true L.C.M. She had a great sense of humour, loved life and lived every day to the full, bringing joy and happiness to all who worked with her. She was never heard to grumble about the past or, as the saying goes, “she didn’t adore on the altar of self-pity”! Even in recent years when her health started to fail, she simply made the most of it and got on with life.

Fidelis returned to Ireland, to Mount Carmel community in Dublin, in November 1988, and at this stage she retired from nursing. However, she brought many of her skills from Italy, and devoted her time to household duties. On special occasions of celebration she loved to decorate the dining room and corridor and prepare the tables with particular care, and with a little extra surprise. Her efforts on these occasions were greatly admired. Hospitality was important to her, and nothing was a trouble no matter what time people dropped in.

For the last year Fidelis’s health deteriorated greatly preventing her from taking little trips to town. However, she accepted that graciously and was happy she could join the community for daily prayer and meals. She spent a week in St. Vincent’s Hospital suffering from heart failure and very bad circulation, and she died peacefully there on October 4th, 2011.

We dearly miss Fidelis, but are happy her suffering is over and she is enjoying the fullness of life with the Lord she loved and served with great generosity throughout her life. May her precious soul rest in the peace, joy and love of the Lord.

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