

SISTER CATHERINE SHALVEY, LCM



"Thou O God art my strength; In Thee I can do all things"

Sister Catherine Shalvey, known fondly as Sister "Kay"

Sister Kay was born and raised in Wheeling, West Virginia. She and her six siblings enjoyed playing together and listening to Notre Dame Football games on the radio with their mother. After beginning her career as a legal secretary, she had a peak experience that led her and a friend to visit Chicago and learn more about the Little Company of Mary Sisters. "It was during this visit that I met Sister Eugene Trenner," explained Sister Kay. "She radiated a warmth like no one that I had ever met before. I knew then what I wanted to do with my life."

Sister Kay entered the L.C.M. Congregation in 1957. She attended Loyola University and transferred to St. Louis University, where she majored in Finance and received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She then went on to receive her Master's degree in accounting from DePaul University.

During this time, she also was chosen to travel to Rome for three months to become one of the General Chapter's secretaries. Sister Kay began her career at Little Company of Mary Hospital in the Business Office and soon transferred to the Finance Office to become an accountant. In 1981, she was appointed the position of Provincial Treasurer for the American Province of the Little Company of Mary Sisters. She retired from this position in 2011. In Sister Kay's spare time, she enjoys activities with her fellow Sisters as well as listening to classical music. When autumn arrives, you can often find her cheering on her favorite "Fighting Irish" football team.

Sister Kay was extremely close and fond of her wonderful family. She spent time with and cared for many of her nieces and nephews. Her brothers and sisters were an important part of her life and the care she showed for them was loving and devoted. When she could no longer travel, her family made it a point to travel to Chicago for regular visits. It truly meant a great deal to her.

Sister Kay spent her final days with her Sisters and devoted caregivers. She enjoyed her sweets and time around the table with others. Her warm smile and kind eyes were inviting to all who came in contact with her. And her deep faith in God was evident in all of her activities.

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