



IN MEMORIAM

Anne Craig-McEldowney

May 15, 1953 – November 4, 2025

Anne was born in Bloomington, Illinois. She had four brothers and one sister. From the age of three, Anne attended daily Mass with her mother. She was able to continue this practice while attending St. Patrick's grade school and later Central Catholic High School. Anne wrote, "I often think that having the Eucharist so available and so much a part of my daily life brought me through some difficult years."

She attended Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois, and earned a BA in Social Science. Her volunteer work at a home for abused women and children led Anne to being accepted at the University of Illinois where she completed a Master's degree in social work. She returned to Central Catholic High School where she was employed as a social worker for many years.

In 1982 Anne married Brian and together raised two children, Jonathon and Mary Elizabeth. They also have three grandchildren, Steven, Teddy and Esme.

Anne was interested in entering into an associate relationship with a community and in 1987 a friend referred her to the Joliet Franciscans. Although she was unable to visit regularly, Anne always felt coming to Joliet felt like returning home.

It was written on her recommendation for becoming an associate, "Anne is a very sensitive, compassionate woman. She shares deeply in our congregation's vision of ministry to the poor. She brings a gentle presence to her ministry. In turn, she can bring that same presence, sensitivity and compassion to the associate relationship as she inter-relates with both the associates and sisters."

We are grateful for the years Anne spent as an associate and friend to our congregation. She now enjoys the presence of God whom she loved and served.