



February 4, 2014

Dear ACWR Member,

Enclosed is an obituary for Joan Marie Aycock, OSU, who died January 20, 2014. Sister Joan Marie was a member of our organization from 1997 through 2008. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sister Rosemary Meiman, OSU and the Ursuline community.

Veronica Buchanan
ACWR Executive Secretary

URSULINE ACADEMY



It is with deep sadness that we inform you that Sr. Joan Marie Aycock, OSU '42 passed away. Sr. Joan Marie is most noted for her extraordinary work as New Orleans Ursuline Community Archivist. She held that position for 20 years and worked diligently to preserve Ursuline heritage. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. Please join us for a Memorial Mass held in her honor on Saturday, February 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

Sister Joan Marie Aycock OSU, born June Marie Aycock on January 29, 1925 in Puerto Castillo, Honduras, died peacefully at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton, Illinois on January 20, 2014, following a short illness. Sister Joan Marie was the daughter of Fernand Joseph Aycock, Sr. of Franklin, Louisiana and Palmyre Lasseigne Aycock of La Place, Louisiana. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Teresa Aycock Madere, Ida Clothilde (Sr. Damian, OSU) Aycock and Fernand Joseph Aycock, Jr.

June Marie spent much of her young life in Honduras when her father was an executive of the United Fruit Company. She attended Ursuline Academy of New Orleans as a boarder in the first through fifth grades and, later, St. Peter's Parochial School in Reserve. She graduated from Ursuline Academy High School in 1942, entered the Ursuline Order that same year and received the name of "Joan Marie of

the Infant Jesus" in 1943. In 1945, Sister Joan Marie professed her vows. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of New Rochelle in New York and a Master of Education degree from Loyola University of New Orleans.

During her career as an Ursuline Sister, Joan Marie excelled in her teaching and administrative assignments. She served in New Orleans; Dallas; Galveston; Jennings, Missouri; Caracas, Venezuela; and Iguala, Mexico. In 1989, Sister Joan Marie retired from teaching and undertook the role of the New Orleans Ursuline Community Archivist. Throughout the past twenty years, she has been recognized for her work with archivists, curators, collectors, authors and historians in a number of museum exhibits and scholarly historical publications. On January 29, 2000, Sister Joan Marie was awarded the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* medal by Pope John Paul II for distinguished service to the Church. She was a member of the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious, the American Association for State and Local History and the Greater New Orleans Area Archivists Organization. Upon retirement in the fall of 2008, Sister Joan Marie moved to the Ursuline Queen of Peace Healthcare and Retirement Center in Alton, Illinois.

A Memorial Mass to honor Sister Joan Marie Aycock, OSU will be celebrated on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 11:30 a.m., to be held in the National Votive Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in New Orleans. The Ursuline Sisters Community of New Orleans invite her family members, friends, former students, those with whom she worked and those whose lives she touched to join them in commemorating her life. Gifts may be made to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Renovation Fund c/o OLPS Shrine Office, 2734 Nashville Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70115. For further information, please contact, Sister Carla Dolce, OSU, Director, 504.975.0544; or visit www.shrineofourladyofpromptsuccor.com

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