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Provinciate

Dear Sisters, Relatives and Friends of Sister Mary Carroll,

"Arise, my beloved, my fair one, and come." Twice has the Lord thus invited Sister Mary Carroll, and twice has she answered in total self-giving. Her final summons came at 12:45 p.m. at Marycrest Convent, in Denver, Colorado on November 28, 1990. Surrounded by the Sisters who watched with her, Patrick Sharkey, her nephew, and Joanne Jensen, her niece, and supported by the prayers of those in far away ministries, Sister breathed her last in a peaceful preparedness. Reverend Edward Flaherty, S.J. the chaplain at Queen of Peace Oratory, and Reverend Michael Sheeran, her spiritual director for many years anointed her and prayed the prayers for the dying. Such beautiful circumstances surrounded her dying, that all present were filled with consolation and peace. "Peace is my farewell to you."

Mary Catharine Carroll was born in Valentine, Nebraska, (the little City of Love) on November 2, 1925, to Frank Carroll and Mary Anna Sheehan. She was baptized at St. Francis Mission Church on November 25, 1925, and confirmed there at the age of twelve. She obtained her early education at Nebraska rural schools and at St. Francis High School in South Dakota.

The first call to arise and give her all to God came when she was twenty. She entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis in Denver in August, 1945. On August 16, 1947, Sister made her Temporary Vows and three years later sealed these promises with a lifetime commitment. The subsequent training in prayer and service to God's people was interwoven with her formal education. Sister received her Bachelor of Science degree from Regis College in Denver in 1957; her Masters of Teaching Science from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1966; her Master of Christian Spirituality from Creighton University in 1984.

Sister Mary Carroll was a born educator. She served in the schools of the Midwest province of the Franciscan Sisters from 1947 until 1979. These ministries included Immaculate Conception School in Rushville, Nebraska, St. Elizabeth School in Denver, Holy Rosary Mission in Pine Ridge, S.D., and finally twenty-two years at St. Mary's High School in O'Neill. Here she became principal in 1966 and served in that capacity for thirteen years.