



## **Sister Joachim Blosl**

*July 9, 1927 – February 13, 2011*

Sister Joachim joined the Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale from St. Wendelin Parish in Pittsburgh. From 1948 until 1977, Joachim taught children in the elementary grades in Catholic schools staffed by the sisters. At this time, her ministry took a different turn and she joined Sister James Ann Germuska in the Crosskeys program in Brownsville, Pa., where she became mental health coordinator for the residential and social rehabilitation programs. For the next 25 years, Joachim offered her services at Crosskeys and also at Cor Amor, a residential and day care service. Here, she was a real sign of the love and concern for God's people. When she left Crosskeys, Joachim spent a number of years at Norbert House, where she became the council leader, keeping the other residents in line. In 2009, Joachim joined the sisters in prayer ministry at Mount Alvernia.

Joachim enjoyed the simple things of life. She found delight in each person and in every event that occurred in her daily life – visits from sisters, family friends, visits with the clients and staff at Crosskeys and with residents and staff at Norbert House, sharing prayer and community with her sisters at Mount Alvernia, her love of animals, country music, concerts, milkshakes, and her anticipation of celebrations. She accepted all as gifts from God.

Joachim did all things with a beautiful smile that conveyed a message of welcome, openness and gratitude, whether she was with children, with the sisters at Mount Alvernia, with residents at Crosskeys and Norbert House, and especially when she received Holy Communion.

No matter what was going on in Joachim's life, she knew that God was her source of joy, peace and strength. She was always able to let go and allow God to lead her, trusting that God always knew what was best for her.

*May she now rest in the loving arms of God, whom she loved and trusted and saw in the people to whom she ministered in his name.*