

## MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – USA UNIT

**Entrance:**  
**10/29/1966**  
**Invested:**  
**08/13/1967**  
**First Vows:**  
**06/22/1969**  
**Perpetual Vows:**  
**06/10/1972**



**R.N. St. Elizabeth Hospital  
School of Nursing  
Boston, MA**

**B.S.N. Nursing  
William Paterson College  
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New York University  
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**SR. BARBARA FRIED**  
**04/09/1940 – 02/03/2020**

A born leader, Sr. Barbara joined the SMIC Congregation after serving two years as a lay volunteer in Asia. This experience propelled her to devote her life as an educator and advocate in the health care profession, to shape the lay missionary programs for the Franciscan Missionary Service, and to guide the US Province and Congregation in her many leadership roles.

She worked in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, in the 60's and later in the 80's as volunteer, staff nurse, and nursing educator. She had a special focus on death and dying and was a panelist on human values and death. She also worked in hospitals in Rhode Island, New Jersey and Massachusetts as staff nurse, nursing instructor and assistant professor.

In the 90's Sr. Barbara played a crucial role in establishing the foundation for the Franciscan Mission Service in Washington, D.C., where she designed the structure and core curriculum for the missionary formation program, a model still used today. She aided in spiritual direction, developing fundraising strategies and forming contacts with potential mission sites.

In 2005 Sr. Barbara received the Franciscan Federation Peacemaker Award and in 2010 she received the Anselm Moons OFM Award for her exceptional work and insights into understanding the mission work of FMS.

Sr. Barbara lived with a deep sense of love and appreciation for all that God entrusted to her. She was influenced by her Catholic French family background to be of service to the church. She was gifted with great intelligence, humility and the capacity to inspire others around her. Her missionary zeal never waned and even in her years of being cared for she saw this as her call to be a presence to God's love for others. She lived the words of Francis of Assisi: 'Preach the Gospel and sometimes use words.'