

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – USA UNIT

Entrance:
09/06/1959
Invested:
06/25/1960
First Vows:
08/08/1962
Perpetual Vows:
08/13/1967



SR. FRANCES KAROVIC
05/27/1940 – 12/30/2019

B.S. in Nursing
Sacred Heart Dominican
College, Houston, TX

M. S. Registered Nurse
Columbia University,
New York City, NY

National Certification as
Clinical Specialist in
Psychology Mental Health

Sr. Frances could light up any room with her huge smile, contagious laugh, and friendly personality. She truly lived the charism of being a compassionate and healing presence to the poor, the outcast and the marginalized of our society.

Sr. Frances' first mission was as a clinical nurse in Guanay, Bolivia, a small town on the Tupuani river, in the 1960s. During the next decade she worked as a psychiatric nurse and mental health clinician in different hospitals, including the Veteran's Administration Hospital in New Jersey and Mental Health Center in Arizona.

In the late 1970s she moved to California and served many communities, including Blythe, Beaumont, Riverside, Calimesa, and Banning, in the capacities of psychiatric nurse clinician, mental health clinician, therapist, Acting Director of Clinic and secretary for the Palo Verde Association for Handicapped Citizens.

In 1987, Sr. Frances received the Bishop's Award from the Diocese of San Bernardino for her outstanding work in the health care profession, where she ministered for over 35 years and devoted herself to the chronically mentally ill and their families. Even after retiring, she continued her work in the parishes' clinics as health minister. Finally, in 2019, she was missioned to Galloway, New Jersey.

As a true daughter of St. Francis, Sr. Frances had a great appreciation for all the beauties of creation. She was always ready to help people in need. She loved her family dearly and cared for them. She specially loved the warm California sunshine, and according to Bishop Barnes, she left 'gentle footprints on the desert sands.'