

SR. EILEEN McGOWAN, DW
SR. EILEEN OF THE HOLY FACE
11/5/26 – 11/26/18
72 YEARS PROFESSED



We are saddened to report the passing of Sr. Eileen McGowan, DW, 92 (Sr. Eileen of the Holy Face). Sister died peacefully at her residence Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent in Sound Beach, NY, on November 26, 2018. Born to Cornelius and Catherine McGowan at Columbus Hospital in Manhattan, NY, Eileen Teresa McGowan, along with her brother Neal, having lost their parents as adolescents, came to appreciate the importance of loving each other and each precious day granted to them. Eileen joined her Aunt and cousins the Curtins and became sister to John and Daniel, Catherine, Mary and Theresa who later also entered the Daughters of Wisdom.

Sr. Eileen graduated from Our Lady of Wisdom Academy, Ozone Park, NY in 1945. After Profession in 1946, Sister spent 22 years in Canada-obtaining degrees at the Universities of Ottawa and Montreal. She served as an English teacher in Grenville and Dorval, in Quebec, Canada, and Montreal and Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada. She completed her studies for Masters' Degrees in English at St. John's University, Jamaica, NY and in Theology at St. Michael's College, Vermont.

Returning to the States in 1968, she taught English and religion and became head of the Religion Department at Christ the King High School, Middle Village, Queens, NY, where she remained for 28 years. In later years, she was entered into the school's Hall of Fame. As a retired teacher, Sr. Eileen worked tirelessly in Rachel Ministry consoling and bringing healing to women who had experienced abortions. Along with that, Sister joined the telephone ministry of friendship to the elderly of Resurrection-Ascension Parish in Rego Park, Queens, NY. She moved to assisted living at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent three years ago.

Sr. Eileen will be dearly remembered by her Sisters for sharing her stories, her great-hearted love and compassion, and her willingness to give herself to the mission of the Congregation wherever the Lord called.

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