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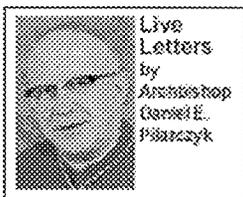
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## Clara R. Fullenkamp

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Church in St. Joseph, Ohio, Jan. 16 for Clara R. Fullenkamp, 78. She died Jan. 12 at the Briarwood Manor Nursing Home in Coldwater.

She served as a cook and housekeeper for priests in the Dayton and Cincinnati area. She was a member of St. Joseph Church and an honorary member of the parish Ladies Sodality.

Preceding her in death were other brothers, Precious Blood Father Leo, Gregor, Aloys and Edward; and Precious Blood Sisters Mary Rita and Sister Leona.

She is survived by sisters, Catherine Steinbrunner of St. Joseph, Frances Rowley of Dayton, Vicky Carney of Tempe, Ariz.; and brother, Bernard, of Tampa, Fla.

Interment was at St. Joseph Church cemetery.

## Sister Joan de Lourdes Leonard

BRENTWOOD, N.Y. — A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 8 at Sacred Heart Chapel in Brentwood for historian and canon lawyer Sister Joan de Lourdes Leonard, a Sister of St. Joseph. She died Jan. 4 at age 88.

In 70 years of religious life, she led the Sisters of St. Joseph through a decade of renewal, chronicled the history of the Rockville Centre Diocese, and was the first woman appointed to the diocese's marriage tribunal.

Her work for the church nationally included membership on the U.S. bishops' National Advisory Committee and on the board of the national Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She also served as secretary-treasurer of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and as chairwoman of the LCWR committee that in 1983 produced a book, Women Religious History Sources, which compiled the archival resources of women's religious congregations.

A history professor at St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, N.Y., from 1940 to 1968, Sister Joan de Lourdes chaired the history department and was also dean of students. Her special area of interest was U.S. colonial history, and she obtained grants for eight summers to research colonial law in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1968, she was elected general superior of the Brentwood congregation, and in 1978 she went to Rome to study canon law at Gregorian University, earning her licentiate in canon law two years later.

When she returned to the Rockville Centre Diocese, then-Bishop John R. McGann appointed her to serve on the diocesan marriage tribunal. The first

noncleric appointed in the diocese and one of few women in the world at the time to serve on marriage tribunals, she was defender of the bond, advocate and eventually judge.

In 1992, Bishop McGann presented her with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross ("for the church and the pontiff"). She was the first person in the diocese honored with this papal medal signifying the pope's recognition of distinguished service to the church. — CNS

### **Sister Madeline O'Hara**

Sister of Charity Madeline O'Hara, a Sister for 59 years, died Jan. 20 at Mother Margaret Hall nursing home in Delhi. She was 79.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Chapel Jan. 23.

A native of Detroit, she entered religious life as Sister Virginia Mary in 1924. Her first ministry was in education as an elementary and junior high school teacher in Ohio, Maryland and Michigan. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, she taught at St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres schools in Cincinnati, Holy Trinity in Middletown, St. John the Baptist in Harrison, Holy Angels in Sidney and St. Albert the Great in Kettering.

Health concerns forced Sister Madeline to leave the classroom in 1972, when she went to work in Colorado. She returned to Cincinnati six years later to work with HUD Services and the Youth Job Corps.

From 1981-1983 she was an office clerk at Seton High School and from 1983-1990 was a records clerk at Good Samaritan Hospital. She later helped coordinate the gift shop, where she remained until retiring in the late 1990s.

Sister Madeline held a bachelor's degree from the Athenaeum of Ohio, and master's degrees from the University of Dayton and the University of Detroit.



### **Robert Schutte**

Robert Schutte, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who was placed on administrative leave last month following allegations of sexual abuse of a minor several decades ago, died Jan. 17 in Springfield. He was 89.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 22 at St. Bernard Church in Springfield by Father Robert Obermeyer. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

A native of Springfield, Schutte attended St. Bernard School and Catholic Central High School before entering St. Gregory's Seminary and Mount St. Mary's Seminary to begin studies for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1943 and was appointed to serve in the Diocese of St. Augustine in Florida.

In 1944, he was named associate pastor of then-St. Matthew Parish in Norwood. He would later teach social studies at Purcell High School while serving as associate pastor of St. Rose Parish and St. John the Evangelist Parish. He was later associate pastor of St. Teresa Parish in Springfield and St. Helen Parish in Dayton.

During his priestly career, Schutte was also an auxiliary military chaplain at Air Force bases in Florida.

In 1961, Schutte was named pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in New Carlisle and administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, New Parish, where he remained until 1970, when he became pastor of St. Mary Parish in Piqua. After seven years as pastor there, he became pastor of St. Boniface Parish, also in Piqua, from which he retired as pastor emeritus in 1984.

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