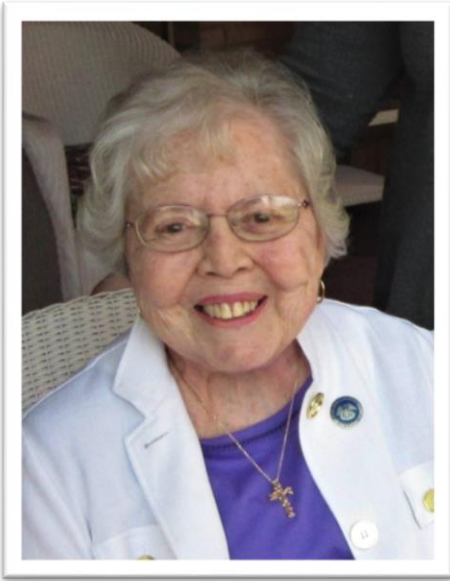


Sister Barbara Ginther, SC

Entered eternal life on November 2, 2021



Sister Barbara Ginther might very well be called our Renaissance woman. As artist, linguist and world traveler, she carried our Mission of Charity wherever she went. Barbara appreciated art in its many forms, and she also created art in many forms – from paintings to bulletin boards to beautifying spaces where she lived and worked.

As a Spanish teacher she shared her gifts with hundreds of students from the Virgin Islands, throughout New Jersey, and used her fluency with people in worldwide contacts.

As a team member of the Better World Retreat Movement, Barbara traveled around the world carrying a message of faith, hope and love to people hungering for an everyday spirituality that would enrich their lives and help them to create a better world.

Barbara was generous and gracious in sharing her gifts and her possessions. Those of us, recipients of some of her art works, will continue to treasure them for long years ahead.

As Barbara moved from New Jersey to Rome to Florida, with several stops in between, her nieces and nephews called her “Aunt Bobbi – the flying nun!” Barbara carried the spirit and charism of Charity wherever she went.

These last years have not been easy for Barbara. We are grateful to all who helped her to move through them. We want to thank all the people at Saint Anne Villa who served Barbara tirelessly and well. What can we say for the Sisters of Mercy in Watchung, and those who welcomed Barbara to McAuley Hall and cared for her with love and mercy. A sincere thank you to all seems hardly adequate, but I’ll say it anyway. Thanks for your care of Barbara and our other Sisters.

I think her memorial card with the words of Micah speak eloquently of Barbara’s lifelong desire: to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God. It’s easy enough to say these inspiring words, it is another thing altogether to try to live them day in and day out.

I believe from my long association with Barbara, that she did indeed try to live out of those sentiments. Were she able to do so today, she would surely encourage each of us to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God because this is what Yahweh asks of us----Only This!

Sister Mary Canavan, SC