

Sister Marcella Nolan, SC

Entered eternal life on March 28, 2024

Good morning and welcome to our celebration of Sister Marcella Nolan's life.

On September 6, 1953, a large group of women gathered at Saint Vincent Postulate. On that day we became the fabulous 58! We reigned in age from 27 to 17. Marcella was 27 and I was 17. For 22 of those years, I lived with Marcella, and it was a glorious experience.

When I think about Marcella, the word that comes to mind is faithfulness.

She demonstrated faithfulness in three areas, much like a shamrock.

She was faithful to sisters and brothers, her nieces and nephews, grandnieces and ~~Type equation here~~ grandnephews. She was present at many celebrations with them. She was especially faithful to her nephew Robert.

She was faithful to the members of the Band, especially to Alicia and Dianne who were with her when she died and to Marghie, Betty, Ceil, Noreen, and me. She was most faithful to Angela Fustieri. She visited Angela here nearly every other week. That friendship lasted until Angel's death and beyond. She was faithful to me when I had some difficulties in my life.

She was faithful to the mission of the community. She held administrative positions at Saint Raphaels Hospital in New Haven and Saint Elizabeth Hospital, later Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth. One of the things she had to do in her ministry was to terminate the positions of some employees. She was always professional, but she told me that she often cried afterward.

So, Marcella, we send you off today with an Irish Blessing –

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall upon your fields.

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Amen.



Sister Mary Patricia Hooper, SC