This morning it is my privilege to deliver the words of Sister Margaret Annina Confoy as she reflected on the life of Sister Marguerite Brennan, her friend.

Well, here we are Marge, gathered together your wonderful family, community of the Sisters of Charity, friends and others who have come to celebrate the fullness of your life.

From your days in the Juniorate to your days at St. Joseph’s you always sought new ways to live your call to serve God’s people with kindness and joy! You were drawn to the Virgin Islands. Only God knew just how hot it would be and just how willingly you would serve.

There you became principal, working with the children of Saint Thomas, embracing their culture, enriching their lives and leaving your mark on their future.

And, Marge, you could have written a book! Then there were the times you returned to Saint Thomas to help Sister Louis Marie move to Convent Station and once again to help me with the closing of our Convent. What a challenge!

I also remember the evening before we left St. Thomas to return to the States. Every box and every suitcase was packed to the top, not even a handkerchief would have fit into any one of them. It was then, in gratitude for your dedication and hard work that Lynette Glasforth arrived with seven very large magnificent cakes for us to take with us on the plane.

Needless to say, the next seven friends who came to say goodbye and thank you went home with a very large magnificent cake. Each was pleased and grateful.

Your ministries took you to many places over the years, always sharing God’s love and good will. One of the many that stood out to me was the one right here in Holy Family Chapel where you gave endlessly to all who celebrated in this sacred space. Many untold tasks had to be accomplished; however, you never seemed to count the cost, time or effort that went into it all. Not sure if you have noticed, Marguerite, but at the present time, it seems that there are multiple people helping perform the tasks of the “Chapel Charge”.

And finally, there were your days in Cedar Grove. There you became a gift to so many. You sat and you listened, you laughed and you held hands, you brought comfort and friendship to all.

Sister Marguerite, Sister Marge, Marge, throughout your life you have been a blessing to your family, your community, your friends and to the people you have served. Always a sign of God’s love and presence. And so, my friend, for this, and so much more, we are all grateful. Amen.

Sister Margaret Annina Confoy
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