

Sister Marie Martin Quinn, RSM, pastoral associate at St. Rita's

Sister Marie Martin Quinn, RSM, who had served as pastoral associate at St. Rita's Church in Webster since 1979, died of a brain tumor on Thursday, Nov. 28, 1991, in Lourdes Hall at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse. She was 61 years old.

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Marie Martin was celebrated at St. Rita's on Monday, Dec. 2.

A Rochester native, Sister Marie Martin was born Martina Quinn on March 29, 1930. After graduating from Our Lady of Mercy High School in 1948, she earned an associate's degree from the congregation's Catherine McAuley Junior College in 1954. Sister Marie Martin graduated with a bachelor of science degree in education from Nazareth College in 1958.

She entered the Mercy congregation in 1948 and made her perpetual vows in August, 1954.

From 1951 to 1979, Sister Marie Martin taught various grade levels at a number of diocesan schools. She served at St. Charles Borromeo, Greece (1951-54); St. Vincent's, Corning (1954-55); St. John's, Clyde (1960-62);

Holy Cross, Rochester (1962-66); and St. Cecilia's, Rochester (1966-68). From 1968-79, she served as principal of Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School on Denise Road.

At St. Rita's, Sister Marie Martin created an Adult Religious Education Committee. She also started Mothers and Others, a group encouraging spiritual growth among women of the parish. In addition, she coordinated the parish's baptismal program and directed the leaders, lectors and Eucharistic ministers during weekend liturgies at the parish.

Responding to a congregation questionnaire about parish ministry in 1988, Sister Marie Martin observed, "I am energized by the people I serve. They encourage me in the various areas offered them."

Sister Marie Martin is survived by her mother, Monica Quinn, of Irondequoit; her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and William Kirchoff, of Greece; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



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