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Dear Friend,

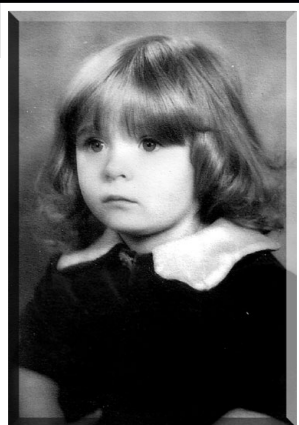


In the Gospels, Jesus has great respect and love for those who fish for a living and feed others with those fish. For us today, there are literal and imaginative ways to engage in fishing. Sister Audrey's father, Casey, loved the outdoors and spent time with his daughter showing her how to interact with nature. In addition to family forays into the woods to pick wild mushrooms and nuts, her father taught her to fish when she was just six years old. Their successful catches were part of the family diet.

In many ways Sr. Audrey's life was shaped by these principles of fishing:

- o Learn from someone who knows how to fish;
- o Know the depth of the water;
- o Use the right bait;
- o Keep learning.

Audrey was born at home on July 30, 1931, to Helen and Casey Mozejewski and was baptized immediately because it was not certain that she would live. From birth on, Audrey has dealt with heart and lung issues, plus vision issues that should have slowed her down, but didn't. She was a tomboy and a book worm growing up.



Sr. Audrey in her habit and as a 2-year-old.

The family lived upstairs from her maternal grandparents who were immigrants from Poland. From her grandmother, she learned the rudiments of the Polish language which were further developed at St. John Kanty Grade School. Before she entered first grade, Audrey's mother had taught her the alphabet, how to tell time, write her name and some basic arithmetic. First grade turned out to be boring and not very challenging.

When she was seven, her sister, Pat, was born. Given that her mother was often bedridden because her heart had been damaged by rheumatic fever at age 18, Audrey was needed to help care for her sister and, along the way, learned to cook with her mother's instructions.



(Top) Sr. Audrey, center, during her internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

(Bottom) Sr. Audrey in 1974, working as a medical technologist



The outdoors was a haven for exploration and learning the ways of creation. When her mother was feeling better, family outings on the weekends would be spent in the country. A highlight each year for the family was renting a cabin on a lake in the north woods of Wisconsin for two weeks.

In the fall, her dad helped a friend on his farm. When Audrey was old enough, she was drafted to pick crops. As she got a bit older, she learned how to drive the horses and wagon back and forth from the barnyard out to the fields. This can be described as precarious at best, since the wagon had no sides. More precarious was that she raced the horses in the middle of her trip on a stretch when neither the barnyard nor the field were in sight, slowing down again as she came into view! Picking crops wasn't exactly fun, but later in life Audrey appreciated the experience of rural life that she had had in addition to growing up in the city.

As a child, Audrey feared her mother would die because she was confined to bed so much. It turned out that her father died first, after a year of serious illness, when Audrey was 13 years old. Casey had worked as a machinist and the metal dust he breathed in at work lodged in his lungs, literally shredding his lung tissue over time.

Audrey went to St. Mary's Academy after grade school and, despite her dad's death, her mother was insistent that she get a good education. Both parents were self-taught to a great extent because their parents had held many of the old world beliefs from Poland and did not value all the educational opportunities in this new country.

Audrey's dad had taught her about the outdoors. Her mother shared her love of music with Audrey. On Saturdays, they listened to the radio broadcasts of the opera together. Audrey started playing accordion at age 8, and grew to love all genres of music.

Her mother introduced her to the idea of a medical career in a most unique way. When Audrey accompanied her to medical appointments, her mother would manage to arrange a visit to the lab so Audrey could look through a

microscope and get a feel for what happens after the blood draw is taken.

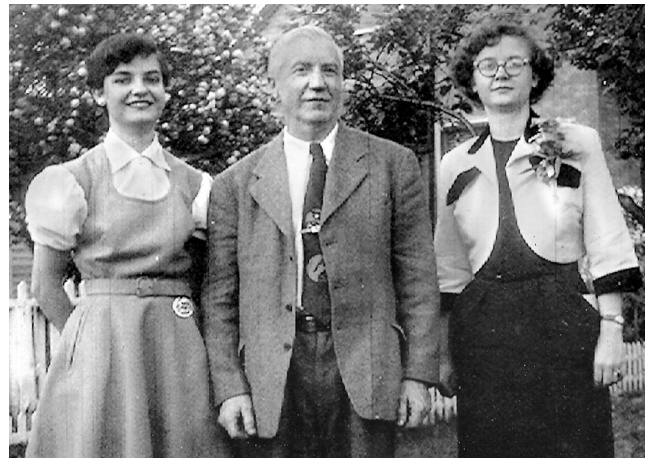
When she was 18, Audrey's mother died suddenly of a coronary attack. Now all that she had learned from her parents would become essential in her life. She was not yet old enough to be independent as an adult, which at that time was 21. Her sister was only 10 years old. They were orphans. Aware of this situation, a close family friend stepped in and offered to adopt them to keep them out of an orphanage. They took her sister Pat in as their own, which enabled Audrey to continue in school.

By this time, Audrey had started at Cardinal Stritch College (now University) with the goal of becoming a medical technologist. Her sister continued at St. John Kanty Grade School. Audrey worked part time and during the summers to contribute to their support. At Stritch she encountered good mentors who helped her through the difficult times. The sisters provided financial and psychological support. Without their interest and concern, Audrey would not have been able to finish her degree.

After graduating from Stritch, Audrey did her internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wis. At the end of the internship, she found employment at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee and then at St. Joseph's Hospital, where she became a section chief and teaching supervisor. During this time she had opportunities to travel and spend time with others socially. When her sister finished high school and was embarking on her own life, Audrey's thoughts turned to planning her own future.

Religious life was an option for her as she felt a calling to this way of life. The influence of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi during her high school and college years brought her to St. Francis Convent in 1957, professing vows in 1960. Her ministry continued in the lab at St. Ann Health Center, adjacent to the convent. In the late 60s she began working part time at Trinity Memorial Hospital, which was sponsored by the Little Falls Franciscan Sisters from Minnesota.

Gradually Sr. Audrey experienced a call to changing her ministry. She enrolled on a



Top: Sister's 1954 graduation from Stritch. She is pictured with her sister and her uncle.

Center: Sr. Elise Wettstein (†1995) and Sr. Audrey (r) as a med tech in 1961.

Below: Sr. Audrey and Sr. Donna Siegel (r) with their diplomas from the St. Francis Seminary School of Pastoral Ministry



part-time basis in 1976 at St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry in the Masters of Theological Studies program, which was a professional degree in lay ministry in the Catholic Church. Three field experiences were required as part of the degree program. She did two of these in Clinical Pastoral Experience (CPE) at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill, in the fall of 1981.



Top Photo: Sr. Audrey at her 25-year Jubilee is pictured with her sister, Pat.

Bottom Photo: In June 1989, Sr. Audrey caught this 15-pound brown trout in Lake Michigan near Racine, Wis.

Her third field experience lasted six months in Lexington, Ky. It consisted of engaging in a variety of aspects of social work focused primarily on the causes and issues of poverty and working with people affected by these issues. This field experience was supervised by one of our own sisters, Sister Esther Hofschulte (†2011), who was trained in theology and social work and actively ministering in Lexington.

Sr. Audrey returned to Milwaukee for her final semester of studies and graduated from St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry in 1983. After graduation she enrolled in St. Luke Hospital's CPE program for additional training. When she completed her certification, Sr. Audrey found a position as a Hospital Chaplain at St. Mary's Medical Center in Racine, Wis. and worked there until her retirement. She still continued to be involved in ministry as a volunteer Scripture teacher at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Racine, eventually moving to Clare Hall and then to the new St. Francis Convent.

Remember those principles of fishing mentioned at the beginning of this letter? Sr. Audrey still applies them in meeting life's challenges. We, too, can seek out a mentor, learn everything we can about our life situations, find the right solutions and keep learning. What a gift we can bring to those around us.

Sr. Audrey and the other retired sisters lived full, unique and ministry-centered lives. Their lives today still bear those hallmarks of using the gifts given to them by God in the ways that they are able. The richness of their prayer includes the intentions of all those who help support them today when they depend on others. You are one of those prayer beneficiaries, and if you are able to send a gift to help with retirement costs, God is sure to reward you.

Gratefully,

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