

We of Nojoshing

Nojoshing – Indian word for the area where our pioneer members settled in 1849; it means “piece of land stretching into the water.”
The name was changed later to Saint Francis, Wisconsin.



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We celebrate the memory of our beloved

Sister Marianne Muscott, OSF
(formerly Sister Stella Maris, FSB)

April 7, 1941 – November 12, 2024

Sister Marianne was born in Queens, N.Y., to Benjamin and Frances (Rothar) Muscott. She had a half-brother, Howard. Sister Marianne professed her vows as a Sister of St. Mary’s Abbey, Mill Hill, England (later the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore) in 1964. She worked as a teacher in grade schools and high schools in Virginia, New York, and Baltimore until 1974, when she became the vocation director for the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore.

For nearly three decades she was active with a number of parishes and institutions in the Baltimore area, including the Franciscan Center, Francis House, St. Clare School, and the Instrument of Peace Ministries. Sister Marianne served in various ministries, including spiritual direction, retreats, counseling, and pastoral psychotherapy. She held a bachelor’s degree in English from the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, a master’s in religious education from Fordham University, and a master’s in pastoral counseling from Iona College in New York. Her primary interest was the integration of spirituality and psychology.

The Baltimore congregation merged with The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in 2001. In 2003, Sister Marianne moved to the Milwaukee area, where she served as a pastoral psychotherapist for clients of St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care. She provided home visits and individual and family counseling there for 15 years.

During her time in Milwaukee, Sister Marianne became a fan of the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team. She listened to every game on the radio when she was able. And, in her later years, she discovered painting as a new way to express her creativity.

Sister Marianne retired in 2018, the same year she celebrated her 60th Jubilee. She moved into St. Francis Convent in 2019, where she continued to serve others through prayer and presence up until the time of her death.

A poem by Sister Marianne was referenced as part of the Jubilee celebration in 2008, when she marked 50 years as a Sister. The poem is called “Dance with God.” It reads:

Dance with God

And God said,
“May I have this dance?”
Lovingly I ran and
Fell subject to God’s gentle lead.
I choose to dance
Until our steps are one and
The music is within.

~ Marian Doyle