



## **SISTER CLARITA MAYER, OP**

### **Entrance into Life:**

January 18, 1933

### **Entrance into Dominican Life:**

September 8, 1956

### **Entrance into Eternal Life:**

July 16, 2020

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### **The Sower Went Out to Sow**

Sister Clarita was a unique and faithful Dominican. She had a quiet wisdom, a wonderful sense of humor, and many talents that touched the lives of so many people. The sisters who lived with her found her to be kind, thoughtful, and helpful.

When I say unique, Clarita had gifts very few Sisters possess. She could fix anything. She would wear her tool belt around her waist and do repairs wherever they were needed. She actually built a bookcase for a sister who needed one. In addition, she could, not only sow seeds but she could sew and knit. In her years at St. Catherine's Convent, Clarita was helpful in altering habits and mending whatever needed to be repaired. Her nieces and nephews loved their annual Christmas stocking: ,handmade ornaments and baby blankets and outfits they received as new life came into the family.

In her ministry of teaching, Clarita was loved by her students. They recognized in her a sincere, well prepared, and kind teacher. She cared about her students and they knew it.

Clarita was dedicated to the Right to Life movement. On many Saturdays she would say her Rosary to pray that life would be spared at various Right to Life gatherings. Although somewhat reticent to speak in public, she called in to a popular Sunday morning radio program, Religion on the Line, speaking to millions of people about her conviction that all life was precious and should be protected. In addition she was an animator of Couples for Christ, an international Catholic organization. The New Jersey chapter met at St. Catherine's to pray and discuss ways their marriages and families could be strengthened in their dedication to Christ and in serving the poor. Those in the group recognized her holiness and commitment to Christ and valued her leadership.

Clarita sowed many seeds in her 67 years as a Caldwell Dominican. She touched the lives of the sisters she lived with, her students, the adults who revered her and couldn't do enough for her when she needed help. At one point in her ministry, Clarita lived in a convent in one town, and ministered in the next town. Since she didn't drive, she needed rides to her ministry and home again at the end of the day. A particularly dedicated group of women and men drove her each day to and from her ministry. They counted themselves blessed to be in her presence.

Clarita, your sisters, family and friends know you are already with God. Continue to sow your seeds, especially at this time in the history of our Congregation and this time in our country and world.