



Sister Mary Georgette Lingle

Entered eternal life on November 29, 2016

My name is sister Barbara Nesbihal and I am Sister Georgette's only candidate to enter religious life. I am proud of that distinction! I want to first thank Sister Elise for sharing my thoughts at this celebration of Sister Georgette's life.

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Sister's family. She loved all of you so much and she was always so happy when it was time to visit you.

Sister Georgette entered the Sisters of Charity in 1949 and eagerly embraced religious life, giving herself completely to her sisters and her studies. She served God's people with love and was always attentive to the needs of those around her.

When I met Sister, I was a young, lay teacher at Our Lady of Victories in Jersey City. Sister Georgette was teaching the first grade and I was immediately inspired by her kindness to the little ones and their families. Each child was special to her and she treated each with the utmost respect, the same respect with which she treated the adults in her life. Whether it was the Principal or the maintenance man, Sister always responded with a smile and a cheerful manner. She was an example of a true Sister of Charity for me and I was deeply impressed.

For a while I had been thinking of becoming a Sister of Saint Dominic, another wonderful group of women religious. However, my attraction to Sister Georgette and her dedication to her ministry caused me to rethink and ultimately I decided to follow in her footsteps as a Sister of Charity. Sister was so approachable, always ready and willing to listen to me, but also to others who had concerns that they wanted to share.

After I made my decision I reached out to Sister and asked her to be my sponsor and the rest is history. Sister Georgette remains my role model, from the beginning and even now. She would say to me, "Barbara, so far you are my only candidate; make me proud of you." I promised, I would always try....

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