

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



Genealogy Request

Family Name Larkin, Marion Ann

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Francis Borgia

Birth Date/Place 1-19-1913 Richmond, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 9-07-29

First Vows 3-19-32 Final Vows 8-15-35

Date/Place of Death Sister Francis Borgia is still living at ^{+ retired}

Date/Place of Interment Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Mn.

Education B.A.

Ministry teacher

Mother's Maiden Name Emma M^c Donald

Birth Date/Place ? Kensington, P.E.I., Canada

Father's Name Wilfrid Larkin

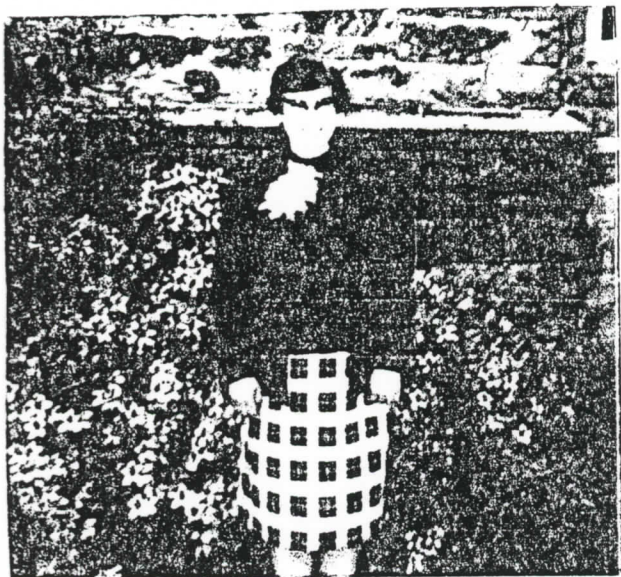
Birth Date/Place ? Alberton, P.E.I., Canada

Other Notes

Larkin, Francis Borgia

SISTER FRANCIS BORGIA LARKIN

SISTER FRANCIS BORGIA (Marion Ann Larkin), who joined the Bethany Community on February 13, 1986, has wonderful memories of Prince Edward Island, where as a girl she attended grades 1-10 in the Richmond Public School. It was a one-room school, and the students had to take all their books home every night.



Her father, Byron Larkin, was all Irish, and her mother, Emma (MacDonald) Larkin, was all Scotch. There were six children in the family, five girls and one boy; and MARION, now known to us as SISTER FRANCIS BORGIA LARKIN, was the oldest.

Some years ago, Prince Edward Island was a favorite recruitment territory for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet of the St. Paul Province, and young women from the "Island" responded most generously to this recruitment. SISTER BORGIA MACDONALD, Marion's aunt, was one of them.

MARION, at the age of 15, had decided that she, too, would like to go to St. Paul after she had completed the ten grades offered by her school. There was one problem - how to get there! It all worked out splendidly when her aunt, SISTER BORGIA, arrived the next year in the neighboring village of Freetown. She had come there as a companion to SISTER GEORGETTA DRISCOLL, who had been called home by the serious illness of her father.

Jubilee Day, Feb, 23, 1978,
among the azaleas in New
Orleans.

So, at the age of 16, Marion Larkin accompanied them back to St. Paul. It is said that 100 women from Prince Edward Island were members of the St. Paul congregation at that time.

SISTERS, three generations ago, made up the student body of the original WEEKEND COLLEGE and summer sessions at The College of St. Catherine. SISTER FRANCIS BORGIA was one of those Sisters. It was studying and teaching week-in and week-out, year-in and year-out; but it gave a strong sense of community, produced quality teachers, and had many moments for socialization and pure joy. Sister is a product of the Diocesan Teachers' College and has a B.A. from The College of St. Catherine.

She has wide experience in several schools in the Twin Cities; and, in addition, in LeSeuer, Waverly, Crystal, Stillwater, and the