

*Come to me
my daughter . . .*



*. . . and I will
give you rest.*



S. Leonette Hoelsing OSB, 101, died on Friday, June 9, 2017.

Leonette Hoelsing was born September, 12, 1915 to Fred and Elizabeth (Goeden) Hoelsing of Menominee, Nebraska. She went to country school Number 112 and to St. Boniface School in Menominee, Nebraska. She graduated from Mount Marty High School, and Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota. She earned a Master degree in Religious Education from Seattle University in 1970.

Leonette entered Sacred Heart Monastery September 4, 1933. She was invested as a novice June 23, 1934 and received the name Ferdinand, which she later changed back to her baptismal name. She made first profession on June 24, 1935 and final profession June 24, 1940.

S. Leonette's service to the Church began as an elementary teacher. She taught in Tabor and Ipswich, South Dakota and Lincoln, Nebraska. She then was asked to be Novice Mistress and Choir Director. She was Subprioress from 1961-1965. She was Prioress for a community of sisters in British Columbia who were in need of outside assistance from 1965-1977. She was recognized for her work in British Columbia by receiving the papal medal, *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*. Sister also worked in parish ministry in Grand Island, Nebraska; Yankton, Tyndall and Springfield, South Dakota. She was the Oblate Director from 1979-2000 and Administrative assistant for three prioresses. From 1984-1990, she worked in the Social Service Department at Sr. James Nursing Home. She continued to volunteer at Sister James and Sacred Heart Hospital until 2005. Her spirit of volunteerism went with her into retirement at the monastery.

S. Leonette was an active person who enjoyed the company of others. She considered every day a gift and was grateful to God for the blessings received. When confronted with difficulty, S. Leonette's first response was to pray and lift her eyes to God at any moment during the day.

S. Leonette is survived by her Benedictine community and her sisters, Della Goeden and Arlene Wohlman. She was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings.

A wake service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, and the Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m., both in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.