Sister Mary Dingman, SSSF dies

Franciscan Sister Mary Dingman died last Saturday, Aug. 26 at her home in St. Paul, Iowa.

In addition to being known as the sibling of the late Bishop Maurice Dingman (who served the Diocese of Des Moines 1968-1986), Sister became well known for her own service to the diocese. She served for 20 years through her work with Emmaus House from 1978-1998.

Born in 1919, she entered the School Sisters of St. Francis in 1945, and earned a bachelor’s degree from Alverno College and a master’s degree in religious studies from Marquette University.

She served her community by assisting newcomers to the community in Milwaukee and serving as provincial coordinator and formation director in Omaha. She was a teacher in Davenport and Fort Madison. In 2005, she returns to her home community of St. Paul, Iowa.

A local service for family to greet friends will be Saturday, Sept. 2 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul. A memorial Mass follows at 10:30 a.m. Visitation, Mass and burial will be in Milwaukee on Friday, Sept. 1.

A memorial has been established for the School Sisters of St. Francis.

The complete obituary can be found here: http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=4352175&fh_id=12315

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