

advertisements

Keyword search, QwikNav

Archive search, Last 30 days search, Search



- Latest News: Accidents/Vehicular, Courts, Police, K-12 Education, Environment, Fires, Other, Politics/Elections, Religion, Transportation, Weather, Obituaries - News, Minority Issues, Library/Museum, Zoo, City of Toledo, Regional News, Suburban News, Michigan News, Higher Education, Ohio News, War on Terrorism, Medical/Health, Science/Tech, Lucas County, Odd News

Home » Latest News » Obituaries - News »

# Obituaries - News

Article Tools: Print, Email, Index, Help, RSS

Article published Friday, August 10, 2007  
SISTER KATHRYN ANN CULLEN, 1928-2007

## Nun a teacher, counselor, and chaplain

Sister Kathryn Ann Cullen — or Sister Katie, as she was called — who was a teacher in elementary and high schools, a guidance counselor, and a hospital chaplain, died Tuesday in St. Anne Mercy Hospital from complications of respiratory problems. She was 79.

The Ursuline nun retired in 2000 after 20 years as a chaplain at St. Charles Mercy Hospital.

After more than 15 years in guidance counseling, Sister Katie took part in the clinical pastoral education program at the University of Michigan and, in 1980, was accredited to work in pastoral care.

The new direction, rather than being a dramatic change, was of a piece with her earlier work.

"Chaplaincy in the hospital is an extension of counseling, too," Sister Kathleen Padden said. "She consulted and consoled people who were in pain. She was very responsive to people who had family members in the hospital."

She was advocate and coach as well.

"Often times, people were shy about getting information from the doctor," Sister Kathleen said. "She would encourage them to ask the nurse to get them in touch with the doctor to get information."

Sister Katie first worked in Catholic grade schools of the Toledo diocese — St. Agnes, Rosary Cathedral, St. Thomas school, and St. Angela Hall, all in Toledo, and St. Mary School in Tiffin — teaching at various times grades 5, 6, or 7.

She became directress of preparants for her community in 1962, assisting young women who attended high school with the intention of becoming religious sisters. She also taught classes at St. Ursula Academy, notably in economic geography, and was a guidance counselor at the school.

Sister Katie continued counseling when for two years she was assigned to student personnel services at the former Mary Manse College. Afterward, she was a counselor at Central Catholic High School from 1975-1980.

"She just liked people in general," Sister Kathleen said. "She was very interested in a lot of things, in their progress and what they were doing."

"She was willing to listen to people," Sister Kathleen said. "And if they wanted direction, she was able to give them direction, particularly at the high-school level if they were seeking information about colleges."



- Jobs, Homes, For Rent, Cars, Notices, Merchandise, Service/Repair, Garage Sales, Recreation, Celebrations, Churches, New Today, Snip & Save, Grocery Coupons, Shopper's Advantage, Shop Blade products, Photo Reprints, Front Page Reprints



- Sports
- Business
- Arts/Entertainment
- Blade Blogs
- Columnists
- Neighbors
- Obituaries
- Religion
- Daily Log
- Weather
- Special Reports
- Lottery
- Today's Front Page
- Photo Gallery



- Jobs
- Homes
- For Rent
- Cars
- Notices
- Business Opportunities
- Merchandise
- Service/Repair
- Garage Sales
- Recreation
- Celebrations
- Churches
- New Today
- Snip & Save
- Grocery Coupons
- Shopper's Advantage
- Shop Blade products
- Photo Reprints
- Front Page Reprints

**LEISURE**

- Worship Guide
- Snip & Save
- New Car Dealer Guide
- Golf Guide
- Restaurant Guide
- High School Guide
- Arts/Events Calendar
- TV Listings
- Movie Showtimes
- Horoscopes
- People2People
- Online Forums
- e.thePeople
- Mud Hens Cam
- Destinations
- Home and Garden
- READER SERVICES
- RSS News Feeds
- Partnerships
- About/Contact Us
- Educational Services
- Customer Services
- Email Newsletter

Sister Katie grew up in Toledo, the daughter of Bernadette and Gerald Cullen.

Her father was Lucas County recorder for 38 years and, at the time of his retirement, held elective office longer than anyone in the history of the county.

Her grandfather, Edward Cullen, was a Toledo councilman and vice mayor for whom Cullen Park was named.

She was a graduate of Ladyfield School and was a graduate of the Notre Dame Academy.

She then went to Mary Manse College.

"That's how she met the Ursulines," Sister Kathleen said.

Sister Katie received bachelor of arts, bachelor of science in education, and master of arts degrees from Mary Manse College. She attended graduate courses at Catholic University in Washington, the University of Detroit, and Columbia University.

"She had great friendships from her class [of 1949] at Mary Manse College," Sister Kathleen said. "They had an over-the-hill club. They met frequently and played cards," Sister Kathleen said, adding that the college friends also went out to lunch at least once a month and came to the Ursuline Center for liturgy.

But whether with classmates or mingling in a crowd, she could fit in, said Sister Elizabeth M. Brell, also of the class of 1949.

"She had a wonderful way with people," Sister Elizabeth said. "She was quick to go to bat for the underdog. It always hurt her when she saw someone treated unfairly or unjustly. She treated everyone with dignity."

She received the name Sister Catherine Therese when she was admitted to the Ursuline community in 1950.

There are no immediate survivors.

There will be no visitation. At her request, Sister Katie's body was donated to the University of Toledo Medical School, the former Medical College of Ohio. It may be the first such donation by a member of the Toledo Ursuline community, which was founded in 1854, Sister Kathleen said.

"She worked in a hospital and probably saw the value of research," Sister Kathleen said.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. today in the Ursuline Center. Arrangements are by the Coyle Funeral Home.

Tributes are suggested to the Ursuline Convent of the Sacred Heart on Indian Road.

**RECENT RELATED ARTICLES**

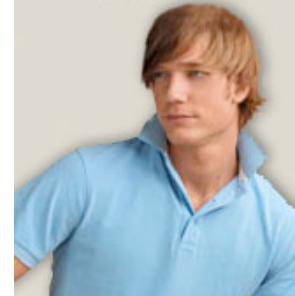
- [Nuss smart, holy, despite being sinner](#) | 08/03/2007
- [Toledo diocese cuts more than 40 jobs, several programs](#) | 08/01/2007
- [Bishop Blair knew of priest's sexual sin](#) | 07/25/2007
- [A rocky road to healing: Diocese enacts new policies, programs, but victims demand more accountability](#) | 07/15/2007
- [The papal divide](#) | 07/14/2007
- [Founder hopes to have local Catholic station up by year's end](#) | 07/14/2007
- [10 Sylvania Franciscan nuns celebrate jubilees](#) | 07/14/2007
- [New St. Rose pastor declines appointment for 'personal reasons'](#) | 07/06/2007
- [Ursuline nun from Tiffin taught there and Toledo](#) | 07/05/2007
- [Bishop refuses to reinstate Leyland](#) | 07/03/2007
- [Vigil for Leyland to be held as 3 meet with bishop](#) | 07/02/2007
- [Bishop Blair to meet with parishioners of St. Rose](#) | 06/27/2007
- [St. Rose parishioners petition for Leyland](#) | 06/26/2007
- [Pope Benedict XVI changes rules for papal elections, requires two-thirds majority of cardinals](#) | 06/26/2007
- [Union members can opt out of dues based on religious beliefs](#) | 06/26/2007

[More related articles »](#)

Dillard's



The Style of Your Life



**DAILY LOG**

Birth Announcements, marriage licenses, real estate transfers

**READER FORUMS**

Reader Topics and Debate.

**MORTGAGE CENTER**

Mortgage Rates, Points, APR's

**OPINION**

Editorials, Letters to the Editor, etc

**AP WALL STREET**

[Help/FAQ](#)

[Toledo Pros](#)

[Find a business](#)

[Find a person](#)

[Maps and directions](#)

[Set as homepage](#)

**ADVERTISER SERVICES**

[Classified](#)

[The Blade](#)

[toledoblade.com](#)

[Mechanical Specs](#)

[Special Sections](#)

[TOMA](#)

[Advertiser Proofs](#)

[Stocks, Business News](#)



© 2007 The Blade. By using this service, you accept the terms of our privacy statement and our visitor agreement. Please read them.  
The Toledo Blade Company, 541 N. Superior St., Toledo, OH 43660 , (419) 724-6000

To contact a specific department or an individual person, click here.

The Toledo Times ®