

Sr. Brigid McGuire, DMJ Eulogy

Good morning to all here and to those who are watching via live stream around the world. Thank you for your presence here today to honor a precious lady known to all as Kathleen Mary McGuire, Sister Brigid and on special occasions Bedilla Duffy.

When I was asked to give the eulogy, I could not give the excuse that I did not know much about her life story. In fact, I have been in community with her for over fifty years.

Her gracious, sincere, friendly disposition endeared her to everyone especially the children, and the elderly.

Sister Brigid was born and raised in Ireland. She entered the DMJ community in 1948 years later came to California, where for the next 50 years taught elementary schools throughout LA, SF and SB dioceses. She also gave forty wonderful years to Our Lady of the Rosary school. Her gifts were her love of children and music.

Sister Brigid gave countless hours sharing her skills of giving piano and recorder lessons. Her delight was to know that the young people she taught were able to use their knowledge independently and with skill.

Sister Brigid had a great love of flowers and plants; very often she would make an arrangement of flowers to admire. It often happened that she would spot a beautiful flower or plant and persumed permission from the mother plant and would snip off a healthy portion and for sure she would have a healthy new flower to add to our garden for all to enjoy.

Sadly, for the past 3 and ½ years she has been confined to bed suffering with Parkinson's. She was very courageous and resigned to the suffering stage in her life. Her days were spent in recitation of the rosary and singing her favorite songs. Especially "Our Lady of Knock" Thankfully she was able to live here in our convent under the very excellent care of hospice and the loving care given by her team of caregivers.

As a long time friend I am so honored to have been her friend and I have learned so much from her.

**May her beautiful soul rest in peace.**