

## Reflection

I am very pleased to speak on behalf of Sr. Margaret O'Rourke.

We know her by a variety of names. Some know her as Sister Mary Regina.

To the D.M.J. community she was Marg. O.

Her family in Ireland called her Madel/Madeline

I have known her since we were teenagers in the Juniorate at Rosary Convent, Castlecor, Ireland.

We have remained close friends through the years. In our many conversations, she made it very clear - Stella, if I die before you I do not want an eulogy.

Sr. Margaret I know you are here with us listening.

So honoring your request - I am just giving a brief reflection of your life.

I know that a big part of your life was in Africa.

Sr. Pascazia, one of our African sisters, will address that part of your life as I finish.

A few remarks on Margaret as a person.

At an early age, she chose to dedicate her life to God as a Daughter of Mary and Joseph.

During her religious life, she was called to fill a variety of roles.

As an outstanding elementary school teacher, she taught most grade levels - and became an inspiring Principal.

For a number of years, she was a member of the California leadership team and moved on to become a member of our international leadership team.

She cheerfully accepted her various assignments and did her best with humor and enthusiasm.

To sum up:

- Most generous spirit
- Great sense of humor
- Always good for a joke
- Well read - always had a book
- High expectations for herself, students and co-workers.

Her heart was full of love and warm with compassion.

Enough said.