

Margaret Mary (Margot) Power, RSCJ

Religious of the Sacred Heart (R.S.C.J.) died at Barat Residence, Halifax, Nova Scotia on February 22, 2005 at the age of ninety-six. Daughter of the late Nicholas W. Power and Bridget Callaghan of Montreal, she was predeceased by her sister Ruth and her brothers Walter F. Power (Nance), St. Jovite, QC and Bishop William E. Power, Antigonish, NS. Her presence among us will be greatly missed by the religious of her Congregation as well as by her brother Kevin (Madeline) of Halifax, NS and her sisters Elizabeth, RSCJ Halifax and Mary, RSCJ Montreal and her many nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.

After a long association with the schools of the Sacred Heart in Vancouver, Halifax and principally in Montreal, both at the Sault-au-Recollet and Atwater Avenue, she became a social activist for many years, as a spokesperson for the poor, particularly those on welfare. She founded ODAS (Organisation d'Aide aux Assistés Sociaux). In recognition of her work as an educator, both in formal and popular education, Honorary Doctorates were conferred on her by the United Theological College of McGill University (1980) and by Concordia University (1994). At her request her body has been donated to Dalhousie University for medical research.

The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by James Hayes, Bishop Emeritus of Halifax, February 24, 2005 in the Chapel of Barat Residence, Halifax, NS.

There will be a memorial service for Sister Margaret Power, RSCJ on Thursday March 31st at 5:00pm at the Sacred Heart School of Montreal, 3635 Atwater Avenue, Montreal. A reception will follow.

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