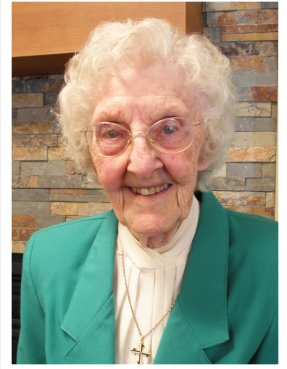


Marie Benedict O'Toole, OP



"It is good to give thanks to God, to make music to His Name, and proclaim God's love each day." Psalm 93

This is what makes my life as a Grand Rapids Dominican so up-lifting. Each day is a gift and is filled with many ways to enjoy it. I want to thank my loving family, my community, and faithful friends for the support they have given me throughout these 70 years.



I was born in Merrill, Michigan to Benedict and Marie O'Toole in 1925. I am the seventh of ten children in our family. At the present time I am the only member of my family still living.

I was educated at Sacred Heart School in Merrill, Michigan with Dominican Sisters as my teachers. I worked for a year at J.C. Penney in Saginaw, Michigan after high school. During that year a friend of mine told me she was going to enter the Convent at Marywood. I decided to go with her in 1946. She didn't stay, but here I am celebrating my 70th Jubilee.

I attended Aquinas College and Western Michigan University. My ministries were elementary school teaching and tutoring for many years.

I am a person who likes to walk and travel. I have enjoyed a number of trips with friends, but one of the biggest thrills of my life was walking across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day with hundreds of people.

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