



Name: Sister Catherine Glim (Sister Rose Catherine)  
Date of Birth: June 13, 1920  
Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois  
Parents: William and Catherine (Schuit) Glim  
Religious Profession: August 15, 1938  
Date of Death: November 6, 2020  
Age: 100  
Years Professed: 82

#### Reflection by Sister Natalie Binversie, Community Director

Evelyn Florence Glim was born on June 13, 1920 in Chicago, Illinois to William and Catherine (Schuit) Glim. She was baptized the following day, June 14, 1920, by Father J. A. Van Heertum in Saint Willibrord Church in Chicago. Evelyn was confirmed on November 19, 1931.

Evelyn was the second youngest of seven children. She attended St. Willibrord Grade School where her teachers were the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. Evelyn loved the Sisters and always wanted to be a Sister when she grew up. Evelyn and her family would visit her mother's sister, Sister Frontina, who was a School Sister of St. Francis. This was always a very enjoyable time.

Evelyn frequently read the "Vocation" section of a prayer book that described the vocation to Marriage, the Single Life and the Religious Life. This only confirmed in her heart and mind that she wanted to serve God as a Sister. After she completed eighth grade she asked her parents if she could go to the Convent. Her parents told her that she would have to wait until she was 21. This news saddened Evelyn, however, she knew that her older sister, Marie, had to wait, too, and entered the Convent when she was 21. (Marie was Sister Bernarda in our Community. She later returned to her Baptismal name and was Sister Marie Glim. She died in 1997.)

Evelyn's parents planned for her to go to the Public High School, however, they changed their mind and enrolled her in St. Louis Academy, a Girls Catholic High School, staffed by Sisters from Canada. Evelyn's parents thought that this would give her a stronger basis for entering the Convent. This was also a way for her parents to test her vocation. During Lent of her freshman year when she was snipping beans in the kitchen with her Mother, Evelyn said, "Mom you have to let me go to the Convent this year! Would you please ask Dad for me?" Her Dad gave permission with another test attached. Evelyn, who was very shy, had to go on the train, alone, to Manitowoc and ask the Superior, Mother Generose, if she would accept her.

Evelyn overcame this challenge, because of her deep desire to be a Sister. She did take the train to Manitowoc and then the taxi to the Motherhouse, where her sister, Sister Bernarda, met her. Evelyn was accepted and entered Holy Family Convent, as a Sophomore on August 15, 1935. On her Reception Day, June 16, 1936, Evelyn was over-joyed to receive her Mother's name, Sister Rose Catherine. At the

time of Vatican Council II, Sister simplified her name and became Sister Catherine. One time when her family came to visit, her Dad said to her, "I knew even when you were in the cradle that you were going to be a Sister." Sister Frontina was also delighted that Evelyn found the Community that God was calling her to join and serve Him.

Sister Catherine completed her High School at Holy Family Academy and received her diploma, June 1938. She taught elementary grades for thirteen years before going to Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Missouri. There in 1954 she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Home Economics and Minors in Latin and Philosophy. Sister Catherine went on to earn a Masters of Education in Home Economics from St. Louis University in 1958. Sister Catherine used these educational skills for about twenty years teaching High School students. Sister Catherine was asked to go back to school to further her education for needs in Community Health Care. In 1979 she earned a Master's Degree in Health Administration and Planning from Washington University in St. Louis. For the next twenty years Sister Catherine served in various leadership positions in our Community Health Care facilities.

Sister Catherine put her heart and soul into every apostolate to which she was assigned. She gave it her best efforts, which invariably led to other new and challenging roles. When she saw that something needed to be done, she did it, and sometimes the projects ended up to be monumental. In her Jubilee comments she reflected that she truly believed that it was the Holy Spirit who guided, protected and strengthened her and led her through all the challenging experiences of her Religious Life.

Sister Catherine enjoyed sewing, reading and playing cards. She outgrew her childhood shyness and loved visiting people. Sister Catherine often mentioned how great God is. Shortly before she died, the nurse called Sister Elizabeth Benvie so that she could talk with her. Sister Elizabeth sang one verse of "How Great Thou Art." The nurse said that Sister Catherine's face lit up and she smiled. Sister Catherine became fond of certain nurses. They would tell her that they loved her. She would whisper back or mouth back, "I love you, too." On Monday morning, when Jesus came to take Sister Catherine home, did He say to her, "Sister Catherine, I love you, come with Me?" If He did, her response would have been, "I love You, too!"

Thank you, Sister Catherine, for the witness you gave to us, your Sisters, living your life as a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity. Thank you for all the prayers you offered for the Sisters and Staff in St. Rita Health Center. Please intercede for all of us from your eternal resting place.

May you rest in peace. Amen.