

Name: Sister Rosangela Weiland  
Date of Birth: July 28, 1937  
Place of Birth: Appleton, Wisconsin  
Parents: John Nicholas and Mary Josephine (DeBruin) Weiland  
Religious Profession: August 15, 1956  
Date of Death: January 1, 2022  
Age: 84  
Years Professed: 65



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

Rosann Marie Weiland was born on July 28, 1937 in Appleton, Wisconsin, to John Nicholas and Mary Josephine (DeBruin) Weiland. She was baptized at St. Therese Catholic Church in Appleton on August 15, 1937 by Father M. A. Hauch. Bishop Bona confirmed her at St. Therese Church on May 21, 1950.

Rosann was the youngest of eleven children. She had eight brothers and two sisters. Growing up with so many brothers Rosann tried to keep up with them. She was considered a “Tom Boy” since she tried to do everything that they did. From the time she was a little girl, Rosann wanted to be a Sister. She attended St. Therese School where she was taught by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. She saw the fun and heard the laughter of the Sisters. Rosann wanted to share in the joy and happiness of being a Sister, too. Sister Teresa Clare Scharinger, Sister Imelda Ann Dickrell and Sister Francis Maureen Bachelor were favorite teachers and influenced her vocation.

Rosann always considered her Mother to be the person who influenced her the most. Her Mother was kind, loving, encouraging and supported her in pursuing the Religious Life. Rosann’s parents taught her and her siblings to have a deep faith and trust in God. They prayed the Rosary at night together as a family. They went to Mass and attended Devotions at Church.

After talking with her parents and getting their blessing, Rosann wrote the following letter to Mother Edna, dated March 28, 1951:

*Dear Mother Edna,*

*I have a strong desire to go to the Convent. I am graduating from eighth grade at St. Therese, Appleton, Wisconsin. For the past year, my teacher has been Sister Charles Marie. My report card has been mainly A’s and B’s.*

*If I am a worthy subject, I would appreciate it if you would send a list of the things I will need. I would like the list early enough so I don’t have to buy the things all at once. If you would be so kind as to take me into the Convent, I will be willing to do anything assigned. Will you please send me an application blank? Thank you kindly for your interest in me.*

*May I be a worthy subject,  
Rosann Weiland*

The following letter of recommendation was sent by her Pastor:

*Dear Rev. Mother,*

*I heartily recommend Rosann Weiland. I hope it proves to be her vocation and that she will find much happiness in it.*

*Sincerely,*

*Fr. Hauch*

Rosann was accepted and came to Holy Family Convent in August 1951 at age 14. She entered the Freshman Homeroom with her bat, ball, glove and tennis racket! She attended Holy Family Academy and graduated with her High School Diploma on June 1, 1955. At the time of her Reception into the Novitiate, Rosann received the name Sister Rosangela. Sister Rosangela attended Holy Family College earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree, May 21, 1967 with a Major in Education and a Minor in English. Sister also earned credits in the field of Reading from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI and from the University of Dayton located in Ohio.

Sister Rosangela taught school in the elementary grades for forty-seven years in the states of Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan. In reviewing some of Sister Rosangela's Teacher Observation Reports it was consistently stated that she was an excellent teacher. The students were challenged to learn the lessons even though the material was difficult. She provided opportunity for the students to practice the skills of organized thinking by providing a framework for the lesson being taught. Sister Rosangela used a variety of questions and procedures to challenge the students to work at their ability level and to help them think creatively. Sister Rosangela showed genuine concern for each student and was a strong proponent of keeping the parent's up-dated and involved in the education of their child.

When Sister Rosangela left full-time classroom teaching, she was missioned to Silver Lake College of the Holy Family to assume the role of Curriculum Resource Manager. After nine years at the College, she became a volunteer in St. Rita Health Center until 2021 when she became a resident. As a resident, Sister Rosangela continued to spread good wishes and joy to those she met.

In her Jubilee reflection Sister Rosangela wrote, *"I am most grateful for all of my family. My brothers and sisters, their spouses and children, have shown so much love and support over the years. I am grateful for all of my friends and my Franciscan Community who have been so much a part of my life. I have experienced much joy and happiness in my vocation as a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity. I thank God every day for His many graces and blessings over the years."*

We also thank Sister Rosangela for the gift of her life that she shared with us. We thank her for being a faithful friend and a joyful witness of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. Sister Rosangela was a member of the Crowd bearing the title of "Loving Daughters of Our Queen." She had a deep love for the Blessed Mother. Her earthly life ended on the feast of "Mary, the Holy Mother of God." May Sister Rosangela intercede for the needs of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity and for all who pray to her for intercession.

Sister Rosangela, may you be granted eternal life with all the Angels and Saints. May you rest in peace. Amen.