

## Dorothy Marks

**Dorothy's family came to us in the days of her final illness because Dorothy loved the cathedral, and they loved Dorothy. How could you not love a woman who cared about her family, managed a small business, preserved a pleasant disposition, rejected violence and crime, loved people, and kept her faith at the center of her life?**

**Miller, I cannot imagine what it's like to lose a spouse after 61 years together - especially 61 years filled with so much love, respect and joy. Tony and Carol, you've lost a mother who cared enough about you to be strict when she needed to, and who raised you to become responsible adults. Dorothy managed her life well enough to develop sufficient skills as a seamstress to operate a small business right in the home. She sold incense to churches. And she made a pilgrimage each year to Quebec to pray at the shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. I too have visited that shrine, so I know its magnetism and grandeur. I'm sure you know that Saint Anne was the mother of Mary, after whom this cathedral is named under her title of the Immaculate Conception. I find it touching today to think that Saint Anne, whom Dorothy so fondly followed, was known for one important reason: she was a mother.**

**It's easy to think of Dorothy upon hearing the reading proclaimed this afternoon from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul says that death entered the world through Adam, and resurrection from death entered the world through Christ. We all die as Adam did, and we shall all be brought to life in Christ. At the end, Christ will hand over the kingdom to his God and Father. As Saint Paul says, "God will be all in all." In these few lines, you can tell that God had a plan, a plan that took many generations to fulfill, but one that came about in an orderly way and brought hope to every human being. To look back on Dorothy's life, it seems that she too had a plan, a plan for her family and herself, one that took years to put into place, one that she brought about in an orderly way that brought great hope to all those who came to know her. She did what she thought was just.**

**It comforts us then to hear this passage from the Book of Wisdom: "The souls of the just are in the hand of God.... They are in peace.... Those who trust in [God] shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love."**

**As we express our thanks to God today for Dorothy's long life, we entrust her soul to the arms of the One who made her. God promised redemption for those who belong to Jesus Christ. We ask God now to be faithful to that promise and bring Dorothy the peace for which she longed.**

**As we mourn her passing this day, let the memory of her goodness guide our steps, so that God may one day find us worthy to enter eternal life.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

1 Cor 15:20-28 (7)

Matt 11:25-30 (2)

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