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**Mary Anne Haren, SHCJ
(Mother John Fisher)
March 30, 1935 – February 18, 2019
Teacher**

Rosemont, Pennsylvania -- Mary Anne Haren, SHCJ, who was a Holy Child Sister for 63 years, died on Monday, February 18, 2019, at Holy Child Center. She was 83.

Sister Mary Anne was born to teach, and she flourished in that role for more than 50 years.

Growing up in New York City as the only child of Irish-born parents, Sister Mary Anne received all of her education close to home at Saint Walburga Academy where the Holy Child Sisters taught. So, it was no surprise to her family that she entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus immediately after graduation. She made her first vows in 1953 and final vows in 1960. She became well known by her religious name Mother John Fisher.



Sister Mary Anne's first teaching assignments took her to Holy Child School at Rosemont in Rosemont, PA (1955-1956); Annunciation School in Washington D.C. (1956-1961); and Our Lady of Lourdes School in New York City (1961-1971). She taught for the next 17 years at Saint Edward School (1976-1993) in Philadelphia, where she lovingly served the students and the community. During this time, she also volunteered at Holy Child Center in Rosemont and became fast friends with the Sisters and staff.

In 1994 she returned to Washington, D.C., and taught for one year at Immaculate Conception School (1994-1995). She then was missioned to Saint Anthony School for 12 years (1995-2007), where she was a cherished teacher and faculty member.

Relocating to Saint Eugene Parish in Primos, PA, Sister Mary Anne continued to minister in education by helping young children learn to read. After eight happy years at Saint Eugene's, Sister Mary Anne retired from active ministry and moved to Holy Child Center in 2014.

Sister Mary Anne earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Villanova University and a Master's degree in Education from Cardinal Stritch University in 1962 and 1971, respectively.

She joins her parents Hugh and Anne (Maher) in eternal rest. Her sole surviving family member is a cousin, Maureen McKenna.

Friends and family are invited to a prayer service of remembrance on Friday, February 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., at Holy Child Chapel,



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1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA, 19010. Preceding Mass, friends and family are welcome to attend the viewing at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus – American Province, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, or donate online at www.shcj.org/american/donate.