

Sisters of the Holy Family

Sister M. Christopher Schmidt

Sister Christopher Schmidt, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family for almost 70 years, died of a long illness on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the age of 88 at the Sisters' Motherhouse in Fremont. Sister Christopher was born June Anne Schmidt on June 8, 1931, in San Mateo, California. She entered the congregation from All Souls Parish on July 2, 1950, at the age of 19; she was preparing to celebrate her 70th Jubilee this year.




Sister Christopher started out in catechetical ministry, first in San Francisco, then in other Bay Area and Southern California parishes, before going to Las Vegas in 1961. She taught and directed religious education in various parishes in the Las Vegas area until 1966, when she moved to Hawaii. In 1972 she returned to California, and then returned to Nevada in 1977. 1981 found her in Reno, where she remained teaching religion in Catholic schools and parishes until her health forced her return to the Motherhouse in Fremont in 2005.

In addition to her ministry as catechist, Sister Christopher was often called into service within the Sisters of the Holy Family as parliamentarian during congregational meetings. However high emotions ran during gatherings, she could always bring the sisters back to focus on the topic at hand.

In informal gatherings of sisters, friends and family, Sister was also known as a storyteller, who could bring a whole group to laughter with her tales of adventures and misadventures in her life and mission.

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and
advocate
for the
poor and
needy,
especially
families,


for the
kingdom
of God. . .”*