

Sister Beatrice Pavlica SSND - 70 Year Jubilee!



"Words I would use to describe Bea: strong and determined, but also quiet and gentle."

- Sister Charlaine Fill, SSND

This reflection interview was kindly conducted and submitted by Sr. Charlaine Fill, SSND.

Sister Beatrice was born in Czechoslovakia on October 24, 1928. She had one brother and two sisters.

She entered the SSND in Baltimore in 1948, and was professed in 1951 as Sister Mary Raphael. (She later changed her name back to Beatrice.)

S. Beatrice taught for many years in many grade schools, and eventually served as a librarian and helped with community service at Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, New York.

She now resides at Ozanam Hall in Bayside, Queens, having moved there very recently.

Beatrice is an artist in several senses. She has done a great deal of work with painting, and was also a member of the Schola at VND, since her arrival in 2009, where she was a strong voice in the alto section. She enjoyed practicing piano, as well, and was a member of both VND bell choirs until last year, when COVID made it impossible to practice or play together.

Bea (as she was fondly known) also was a translator, and translated many Bible readings for her family members from English into Czech.