



## Sister Rose Christina Momm SNJM

November 15, 1935 - May 16, 2024

Momm, Sister Rose Christina, SNJM

Albany\_ Sister Rose Christina Momm (Eleanor Momm) died May 16, 2024, at Teresian House in Albany, NY, after more than 7 decades of loving, and often surprising, service as a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

The first daughter of Albert and Christine McOsker Momm, Eleanor was born November 15, 1935, in Annapolis, Maryland. Destined, along with her brother and sister, to childhoods as “Navy Brats” because their father was a career naval officer and Academy mathematics professor, Eleanor attended 15 schools before the navy assigned the Momms to Key West, Florida. There for senior year Eleanor first encountered the Sisters of the Holy Names and was drawn to “the way they lived their lives.” She entered the novitiate in 1953 right after graduation and set out on her own special form of a “service career.”

With a keen mind and gentle personality, Sister Rose Christina quickly became a highly skilled teacher who maintained and expanded her skills by adding course work in all the sciences, embracing technology for teaching/learning early on, and earning NSF grants\_\_all complements to her Master’s in Mathematics and Florida state certification in all the sciences and New York certification in mathematics. Most of her community “duty stations”

were focused in Florida, but she also worked in Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, and at St. Gabriel's in Washington D.C. She also served as the New York Province SNJM community treasurer from 1987 to 1993. No matter where she ministered and lived, she brought a strong commitment to her work, deep concern for her students, a passion for learning, a willingness to be there for others, and a wonderful sense of humor. She loved to travel and visited many places in North America, especially enjoying an extended experience with one of our sisters ministering in Alaska.

Her teaching drew Sister Rose into a warm attachment to Santa Fe Catholic High School and a surprising new path for her gift of service: While sharpening her skills in chemistry, she interned in a chemical business which 'chanced" to have an employee caught up in a serious crime. She felt a quiet, insistant call from God to visit him, and overcame a strong reluctance, went to the prison, and was deeply affected at the setting, the processes, the dehumanizing culture. Thus began a decades-long call she felt to work with incarcerated people in Florida. During her time of prison ministry, Sr. Rose implemented a number of creative programs, but a major transformative project resulted from her bedrock insight that people need support to transition back into society. In 1979 she became the driving force (and founder) behind a program called Tampa Crossroads which assists men and women as they leave prison and rebuild their lives. Today the Crossroads remains a vital resource for "new life" for both the volunteers and the "clients" serving there.

When her health required it, Sr. Rose Christina moved to the CSJ care center in Latham in 2014 and then to Teresian House. The Sisters of the Holy Names deeply appreciate the prayerful atmosphere, caring staff, and community life in these final "homes" of Sr. Rose.

You are invited as The Sisters of the Holy Names celebrate the life and "new of Sister Rose Christina on Friday, June 14, at the 11:00 AM Mass in the CSJ

Provincial House Chapel. There will be a “time of remembering” prayer before Mass, starting at 10:00 AM.

For those who wish to remember her in this way, donations in Sister Barbara’s honor and to extend her ministry may be made to the Sisters of the Holy Names, 1121 New Scotland Rd., Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ Joseph lit a candle in memory of Sister Rose  
Christina Momm SNJM



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**Joseph** - November 11, 2025 at 10:55 PM

MO

“ Sister Rose was my Physics teacher at Santa Fe and she was absolutely one of the most caring (yet no nonsense) teachers I ever had the privilege of learning from! She lived her faith and treated all students equally, not something that was common then at SFC. I was able to stay in touch with her for years after graduation. Just an outstanding woman and a credit to her order. She is sorely missed, yet in the Lord's embrace! Rest easy, Sister Rose!

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**Michael Ortiz** - October 18, 2025 at 05:56 PM

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“ Joseph lit a candle in memory of Sister Rose  
Christina Momm SNJM



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**Joseph** - August 16, 2025 at 07:18 AM

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“ Joseph lit a candle in memory of Sister Rose  
Christina Momm SNJM



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Joseph - July 01, 2025 at 02:23 PM

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“ Joseph lit a candle in memory of Sister Rose  
Christina Momm SNJM



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Joseph - March 22, 2025 at 04:07 AM

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“ Joseph lit a candle in memory of Sister Rose  
Christina Momm SNJM



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Joseph - January 19, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JL

“ Just read this obit while looking for someone else on line. Seeing the Teresian House caught my eye, b/c my dear mom was there the last couple years of her life. Wonderful, very caring place w/very good food served to their residents. (At least it was at the time. She passed 11/14/14)

What an incredible woman & life this servant of God led! I'm glad I read it. I'll look fwd to meeting Sr Rose, in our Father's Great & Glorious Heaven!

May her family & loved ones have much peace & comfort, knowing that is where their loved one is now, & forevermore. ❤️

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Jo L - January 16, 2025 at 06:59 PM

JA

“ Joseph Arroyo lit a candle in memory of Sister Rose Christina Momm SNJM



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Joseph Arroyo - June 12, 2024 at 05:28 PM

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“ I remember Sister Rose from the PH in latham she was a wonderful sister quiet but wonderful God bless u Sister Rose u earned your wings joseph

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Joseph Arroyo - June 12, 2024 at 05:28 PM