Ann Michele (Monica Theresa) Jadlowski, CSJ, was a fiercely passionate proponent of the great love of God and neighbor without distinction. She was born May 5, 1925 in Minneapolis to Joseph J. and Sophia (Kascieiniak), and died on November 6, 2019 at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Paul. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1949, after completing a BA in History and Music from the College of St. Catherine. In 1963 she earned an MA in History from Notre Dame. After 27 years as a high school history and psychology teacher, Ann Michele shifted her passion to hospital chaplaincy work where she spent 46 years at Health East-St. Joseph’s Hospital in St. Paul, accompanying cancer patients. It was there that she helped to establish three support groups for patients and their families: CARITAS, Second Time Around, and CHAT for teenagers of cancer patients. These programs received many awards and became the standard for the American Cancer Society. Of this work Ann Michele, who continued to lead a group up until this past week, had this to say: “I continue to be deeply moved by the growing awareness of the relationship between visible reaching out to care for hurting people, and their healing process.”

Friends had this to say:

Ann Michele cared about everyone and would put down everything she was working on to help another, without question and without distinction.

Ann Michele had such a great love for God and a love of each neighbor, and family was always so very important to her.

She loved going to mass on Saturday night with her dear friend Mary Fran, and sometimes they would go to Snuffy’s Malt Shop on Cleveland Ave., where they would order a hamburger and a malt, which they would always ask to be served “lumpy.”

Ann Michele was a master gardener who loved the outdoors, having been taught from a young age how to care for flowers and plants. In fact, her extraordinarily large Norfolk Pine tree can be found on the main floor of Carondelet Village.

Ann Michele was a musician and played the organ and piano. She loved classical music and really enjoyed attending classical music concerts.
Over the years Sr. Ann Michele has served as staff chaplain in various roles at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Her fierce passion for and commitment to the Catholic mission of St. Joseph’s Hospital will be greatly missed. Having said this, her spirit resides with each of us who knew her and will continue to inspire all of us to carry on the mission of “serving the dear neighbor” in our hospital work.

Ann Michele is preceded in death by her parents; sister Margaret (Vincent) Gorr. She is survived by sister Joanne Jadlowski; nieces Michele Mackey, Mary Beth (Neil) Schwartz, Catherine Gorr; great nieces Nicole Schwartz, Erin Hacker; great nephew Grady Mackey; dear friends Mary Fran Carter, CSJ, Brian Mackey, Leonard Schwartz, Jason Kruger; the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, November 14, 2019, 11:00 AM, in Our Lady of the Presentation Chapel, 1884 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN, with Visitation at 10:00 AM preceding Mass, and burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights, MN.

Sister Ann Michele, rest in love and peace.