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Dominican Sister of Peace **Mary (Sr. Eulalia) O'Hara, OP**, (77), died at the Mohun Health Care Center on May 1, 2018. She was born in 1940 to Margaret Davis and Michael O'Hara in Pittsburgh, PA. She entered Dominican life in 1960 at the convent of St. Mary of the Springs, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and served faithfully for 55 years.

Sr. Mary earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Ohio Dominican University in 1963 and served as an elementary school teacher and principal in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. As much as she loved teaching young children here in the United States, God had other work for her and in 1980 she began work as a missionary in Chimbote, Peru. Sr. Mary served the people of Chimbote by helping to train catechetical leaders and prepare candidates to receive sacraments, and by ministering to the sick.

Her love of and mercy for the sick led to her to seek certification as a hospital chaplain and she served as a hospital chaplain at Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, and for 25 years at Saint Mary Medical Center in Indiana, where she was honored as Employee of the Year in 2012.

On her return to Columbus, Sr. Mary served as the receptionist for the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse until 2018.

Sr. Mary is remembered by all for her broad smile. She believed in the healing power of laughter, and tried to find many opportunities for laughter in her life. She shared that joy with all around her.

Sr. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Margaret Davis O'Hara, her brothers, Michael and Martin. She is survived by her sister, Margaret Abulencia.

A Vigil of Remembrance was held on Monday, May 7 at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse Chapel in Columbus, OH. The funeral liturgy was held at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse Chapel on Tuesday, May 8. Sister Mary O'Hara is buried at St. Joseph Cemetery in Columbus, OH

Memorial gifts in Sr. Mary's memory may be [submitted securely online](#) or sent to:

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