

# Ann Mellen Passes Away at 95



Ann Mellen, a Consociate of the Community who contributed toward the establishment of the Jamilian Parochial School in the 1980s, passed away earlier this year. We recently received word of her passing from her husband, Albert, who told us that Ann's connection to The Church was very important to her and that she discontinued direct participation with us only because of financial difficulties. The Church lost contact with her for some time because the couple moved often and did not always inform our offices of their changing address. He thought to contact The Church at this time because he is still grieving for Ann and he knew that The Church meant so much to her. Albert also expressed his hope that our Church will grow in the future.

The obituary that follows appeared in the *Ocala Star-Banner*:

*Ann Elsie Mellen, 95, of Ocala, FL passed away on Friday, February 18, 2011 in Ocala, Florida..*

*Ann was born in England on September 19, 1915, daughter of the late Arthur and Annie Tracy. She came to Canada at the age of ten with her father, a professional champion boxer and mother and moved to Detroit, MI later. She entered the convent of Immaculate Heart of Mary to become a nun at the age of fifteen. She was given a teaching assignment in River Rouge, MI at the age of 17. She continued teaching and going to college and being a successful, obedient servant of God until the age of 52.*

*At the age of 53 Ann met her beloved husband, Albert A. Mellen and also continued teaching until retirement in 1981 from the Birmingham School System in Birmingham, MI. After retiring she supported her husband's teaching in public schools and community colleges in various locations. Ann and*

*Al moved to Ocala, FL from Tampa, FL in 1998. She then became a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church, where she attended regularly.*

*Ann is survived by her husband of 43 years, Albert A. Mellen, Ocala; brother Arthur Tracy, Ocala and a sister Joan Kievet, Lecanto, FL and many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, March 4, 2011 at 8:30AM at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Ocala. Cremation arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, TimberRidge location, 9695 SW 110th St., Ocala. Memorial Contributions may be given to Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent, Munroe, MI.*