

**Rev Margaret Cundiff TSSF
1932 - 2011**

Margaret Cundiff was among the first women to be ordained to the priesthood in 1994; priest, pastor, author and broadcaster, her nature and her communication skills meant that she touched the lives of many. She was funny and definitely down to earth. Franciscan simplicity and humility were very much her scene. Whether she was speaking of her family, her church work, the media or her hospital treatment – all was described in her inimitable, cheerful manner, and at times with a wickedly dry sense of humour. She was a Franciscan who wanted to share God's word and love; she was steeped in the Franciscan characteristics of love, joy and humility, which were reflected in all aspects of her life.

She demonstrated an irrepressible love of life. Her unstinting service in her parish and the wider diocese showed her deep love of Christ and of his people, which motivated her to carry on when both her age and her physical health might have provided perfectly valid reasons for her to stop and put her feet up.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

*(This tribute has been compiled with the help of members of Margaret's
Local Group – York, in the Yorkshire North and East Area)*