



**Sister Miriam Corcoran, SCN
(Sister Mary Andrea)
English and Drama Teacher
1961-66**

Sister Miriam Corcoran, known to alumni as Sister Mary Andrea, taught English, drama and speech at Archbishop Williams High School from 1961-1966. She says, "I love to recall reflecting on the statue of Christ the Teacher. It expresses the heart of the AWHS community: a firm commitment to the Gospel."

Prior to her work at Archbishop Williams, Sister Miriam taught English and drama at her alma mater, Presentation Academy in Louisville, Kentucky, from 1950-1961. She also served as the speech and debate coach. She returned to Kentucky in 1970 after receiving a Ph.D. from Tufts University. She became an assistant professor of humanities at Spalding University, retiring from full-time teaching as an associate professor in 1990.

She served as minister of adult formation at St. Thomas More parish in Louisville until 1994. She returned to Spalding in 1995 to teach theatre history part time until 2002.

Since 2000, she also has worked as an outreach minister at Presentation Academy. Her role involves calls and visits when alumnae lose a family member; she provides comfort and support to people at crucial times in their lives. Her work at Presentation has touched so many of her former students that in 2001 they established an endowed scholarship fund at the Academy in her name. In 2002, she was named the Academy's Alumna of the Year.

In addition to her outreach work, Sister Miriam actively works for social justice issues in the Louisville community. She remains active in global issues and strives to raise awareness about the evils of war and dangers of nuclear weapons.

Sister Miriam received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Spalding University in 1951, a master of arts degree in Drama from The Catholic University of America in 1963, and a doctorate degree in Drama from Tufts University in 1970. In addition, she earned a diploma in Drama-in-Education from the University of Newcastle-on-Tyne in England.

She is remembered at Archbishop Williams for being one to motivate students to love learning. One alumna said, "She was strict but fair. Because of her influence I majored in English and later taught English, speech and religion at AWHS."