



Born: September 9, 1942

Died: June 29, 2022

Member Since: August 7, 2003

**Positions held:**

**Apostolic Director**

**Fundraising Director**

**Regional Director**

**Rosary Visitor**

## Her Legacy:



**Karen will be remembered as a faithful Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary!**

Karen joined the Rosary Apostolate in August of 2003 as a Rosary Visitor in Mississauga 5 Region and over time her leadership skills were clearly seen and she was chosen to be the Regional Director. She always maintained good relations among the members in her region and with the schools. Amidst the challenges of finding new recruits for her region, by the year 2019 her region was serving 4 schools.

Karen always wore a bubbly smile from cheek to cheek, with a great interior joy, and

# The Legacy of Karen Anne McCarthy



**Mississauga 5 Region**

sometimes even a glowing excitement would shine through her. She transmitted this joy to all the students she visited.

Her generosity and dedication to the mission extended itself when she accepted to become an Apostolic Director to assist and supervise other regions in 2007-2008. She was so compassionate, loving and tender-hearted, and had a great desire to help others in any way she could.

She was one of the most organized persons I knew. She did an extensive amount of work establishing a Fundraising Committee in the Dufferin-Peel area. From booking the Parish for meetings, updating contact information of members annually, organizing coffee and cookies for meetings, raising funds, finding Banquet Halls, and even working at the Fundraising Banquet events! I knew I could always depend on her to get the task done well.

It was so nice to see members from various Regions of the

Rosary Apostolate to pray for Karen both at her visitation and her funeral Mass.

Karen wore her Rosary Apostolate scarf to show the world how proud and happy she was to be a member of the Rosary Apostolate, Inc.

After 19 years of dedicated service, Karen retired from the Rosary Apostolate on June 30, 2021. She wrote:

*"To retire from the Rosary Apostolate, Inc. was a very difficult decision for me to make, but a necessary one. The one thing that meant so much to me was to "see how much I grew in my faith" - thanks to you sister and our Blessed Mother."*

It is, thanks to you Karen, that so many students have grown in their faith - by your living witness and love for the Holy Rosary of

the Blessed Virgin Mary! You were a positive role model of prayer and of faith for all these children! Thank you Karen, for answering Our Lady's call. May all the promises of the Rosary unfold before you.

**Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.**  
**President & Spiritual Director**

I remember the many years we both saw each other during workshops, fundraising lunches and other meetings. She always had a ready smile for everyone. She was a friend, going out of her way to talk to me whenever we got a chance to meet and with such sincerity asking me how things are. As Regional Director for Mississauga 5 and Apostolic Director for the Rosary Apostolate, she exemplified a dedicated volunteer, a true apostle of Mother Mary's Immaculate Heart. Although we have not seen each other for a couple of years, I will still miss her, especially her ready smile for all and her devotion to our Blessed Mother. God loves you Karen!

**Camila C.D. Nowakowski**  
**Board of Directors**

Being a member of the Board of Directors of The Rosary Apostolate is how I came to know Karen McCarthy. She was consistent, dedicated and very involved in the Annual Fundraising for the Rosary Apostolate in the Mississauga Regions; Karen being both a Regional and an Apostolic Director. She truly upheld the Mission of our Blessed Mother and was steadfast in service and love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May her soul rest in peace,

**Boots Montano**  
**Board of Directors**



Together with the Rosary Apostolate Board of Directors, I was honoured to attend the Funeral Mass of Karen McCarthy for the celebration of her life, on July 5, 2022 at St. Patrick Church in Mississauga.

It was a blessed and joyful occasion. We learned more about her family, and the various activities she was involved with, as shared by the parish priest.

Karen, as the Regional Director of Mississauga 5 Region, was not only involved with organizing her team for the successful delivery of the Rosary Apostolate program, she herself was a Rosary Visitor and touched the hearts of the school children instilling in them the love of praying the Rosary.

As an Apostolic Director, she went beyond the boundary of her region and assisted other regions.

The Rosary Apostolate depends on donations and fundraising dinners to fund the expenses to run our program. As the

Fundraising Director for the Mississauga 5 Region, Karen will always be remembered for her very successful and passionate Fundraising Dinners, a yearly campaign where everybody enjoys good food, a good program, and a good time for a good cause which is for the school children and continued success of the Rosary Apostolate to bring Jesus and Mother Mary to them and their family.

You will be remembered in our hearts for all the good deeds you've done here on earth.

Rest in Peace Karen McCarthy,  
Forever in our hearts.  
**Fe Santos**  
**Board of Directors**





Karen Anne McCarthy - my sister friend for over forty years.

During this time, we shared so very much together - even to the day before you returned to the father, you reminded me that my son was also yours - the son that you never had. We laughed

about that even though it hurt you to communicate with words.

My best friend - I prayed for your recovery every waking moment of my life - that God's will be done. You often reminded me that you were ready/ prepared for whatever God had in store for you. My angel friend! I am so proud of you!

You will always be in my prayers Karen. I know that you are safely home. I thank God for you and all that you accomplished here on earth. Thanks for your friendship throughout these forty plus years. Rest In Peace, my dearest friend!

Don't forget our promise to each other.... I know you won't! I Love You!

**Margaret Stanley  
Mississauga 6 Region**

Karen recruited me into the Rosary Apostolate when I had retired from my job. She was my mentor and role model and over the years I worked closely with her taking on the role of Recruitment Director and Supervision Director under her guidance. Together we recruited

so many new Rosary Visitors. I learned a lot from Karen and saw how devoted she was to Our Blessed Mother and a true apostle of her Immaculate Heart. Karen was super organized in her role as Director for Region 5 and always meticulously prepared all our schedules and negotiated with the schools for appropriate times for our visits, which made our lives easier. It was very sad when she took ill and had to step down.

Karen, you will be sadly missed but we know that Our Blessed Mother and her son Jesus has welcomed you into heaven and may you enjoy eternal peace. Rest In Peace our dear Karen.

**Dolly Vienna  
Mississauga 5**

I would like to thank God for allowing me to meet Karen through The Rosary Apostolate.

I already saw her in St. Patrick Church, but we did not interact until I joined Mississauga 5 Rosary Apostolate. My first impression of Karen was strict. When I started talking to her during monthly meetings, I found her very approachable. Sometimes I went to her home to pick up papers I needed for my school Rosary visits. We would chat, she was fun to talk to and very kind. I admired her and Nancy for their dedication to this Rosary Ministry. I will miss her, but I know that her dedication is treasured. The Blessed Mother will welcome her and bring her to Jesus. Goodbye Karen! Pray for

us as we pray for you. Until we meet again.

**Zenie Ong  
Mississauga 5 Region**

Karen was my recruiter to the RA in early 2008. Not having any idea of this ministry, Karen got me excited at the thought of praying the Rosary with the children in school and this got me started on my journey to being an Apostolate with Mississauga 5 Region. After a couple of years as a Rosary Visitor, Karen again encouraged me to assume a leadership role within our Region and was always available to provide me with her guidance and expertise as needed.

Karen worked tirelessly for the advancement of Mother Mary's Mission and was always diligent in everything she did.

Our friendship goes back to 1982 when our 4-year old daughters went to Kindergarten together and my husband and myself were blessed to have been able to have had a short visit with Karen the day before she passed. May she Rest In Peace with Our Lady and Her Beloved Son Jesus.

**Gladys Noronha  
Mississauga 5 Region**

Karen was a wonderful person who would do anything for you. She was very dedicated to the Rosary Apostolate. She will be missed by all.

**Carin Dokurno  
Mississauga 5**

I belong to the Rosary Apostolate in Mississauga 5. Karen and I have been good friends for a long time. Her demise is very sad, but I am relieved as she suffered sooo much towards the end. I am so relieved to know that she has done her purgatory here on earth and is now resting with the Lord in His garden of paradise. She

was always encouraging and helpful and worked hard to help in any way she could. May her soul rest in peace. It was so uplifting to see so many people at church for the funeral Mass & to participate in the candlelight ceremony. May Karen rest in peace and may the Good Lord grant her husband Michael, & family, solace & peace to cope with such a loss.

**Marina De Souza**  
Mississauga 5

On behalf of Brampton 2, Rosary Visitors members, we are saddened to hear of the passing of Karen McCarthy. Some of us were fortunate to have personal contact with Karen, and will have fond memories of her.

She has now returned to the Father. May her soul rest in peace.

Our sincere condolences to the family for their loss. Karen and her family, will be in our prayers.

**Gladys**  
Brampton 2 Region

I was very saddened to hear of Karen's passing. May she rest in peace.

I remember her dedication and love in all meetings of Fundraising held at St. Patrick Church in Mississauga and her help in all special occasions held by the Rosary Apostolate. She will be greatly missed. I am sure that our Blessed Mother Mary, whom she loved and served faithfully for many years, has not gone without notice, but was welcomed and embraced by Her.

May she now pray for all of us that our love for our Blessed Mother may increase.



My deepest condolences to her family & friends.

**Jean Turcarolo**  
Brampton 1 Region

It is so sad to hear of Karen's passing, she is in a better place now. Loving and gracious God, with faith in the Resurrection, I pray for Karen and all the faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Blessings,  
**Thula Daniel**  
Brampton 1 Region

Dear Karen,  
Each time our paths crossed, you always had a welcoming smile. You were so kind, smart, and always knew how to help in the best way - never complicating things, but always making them easier. This was surely a special gift of yours. You will be missed. May you rest in Christ's eternal peace and love.

**Sandra Priselac**  
Brampton 5 Region

I am sad to hear of my dear friend Karen passing away. I had been keeping her in my prayers and was hoping I would hear news of her. Sadly I opened up the email today and found she had passed away and I missed her funeral and visitation. She used to come to my home for the Rosary together with Nancy Pevcevicious on special days of Our Blessed Mother. I also was a Rosary Apostolate member. My condolences to the whole family and especially her husband Michael. My husband passed away last November and this June would have been married 50 years. I will be offering masses for her at my Parish of St. Dominic.

Again I send my condolences to all the family, may God comfort you all through Jesus and Mother Mary.

**Doris Zammit**