

THE LEGACY OF NANCY HELEN PEVCEVICIUS



Born: February 14, 1952

Died: April 7, 2021

Positions held:

Apostolic Director
Regional Director
Rosary Visitor
Screening Agent
Fundraising Director
High School Student
Program 2014-15

Other Contributions:

Themes Committee
Director Workshops
Training Videos
Directed Dramas
Songwriter for our
Fundraising Events
Pilgrimages

**A Member of
the Rosary
Apostolate
since: 2008**

Nancy H. Pevcevicius returned to the Father in Heaven on Wed April 7, 2021 due to liver cancer, at the Mississauga Trillium Hospital. She leaves her husband, Charlie Pevcevicius and her sister, Rena Brooks.

Her Legacy:

Nancy wrote,

"I believe children are precious gifts who must be taught to appreciate the beauty, wonder and comfort of the Catholic Church through knowledge, understanding and prayer."

After teaching for 32 years with the TCDSB, Our Lady called Nancy to join the Rosary Apostolate, on September 12, 2008, and she became the **Regional Director of North York West Region**.

She eventually transferred to **Mississauga 5 Region** in 2011, generously offering her service as a Regional Director.

Her love for children was great, as her love for the Blessed Virgin Mary and her powerful intercession!

She wrote,

"I must lead by example with a huge smile on my face."

She was referring to being a role model for children, but she was for all who knew her, a great example of how to serve with a smile and knowing how to embrace the cross with patience. Her smile was

always on her face... even in the midst of her battle with cancer which lasted 16 years. She heroically kept smiling, never to complain about sickness, or chemo treatments. She really served with a smile. Her heart was filled with gratitude for her years in teaching and for all the people God had placed in her life.

Nancy was soooo gentle, kind, and caring, with everyone! She was very sensitive to the needs of others. She was always willing to help where help was needed.

When we needed the help of **Screening Agents** at our head office, she put her amazing organizational skills to work, and also began training others as Screening Agents. She never became discouraged with the vast

amount of paperwork! She did it willingly. She even invited her sister, Irene Brooks to help when we lacked screening volunteers.

Nancy was such an amazing presenter, she was featured in our **Training Videos** used to train new volunteers on how to become Rosary Visitors.

Distance to travel never was an obstacle for her. When we needed Apostolic Directors to supervise Regions in other Dioceses, she willingly volunteered to go out to them and became their guardian angel. For years she served as an **Apostolic Director** to many regions!

When a principal raised interest in training her High School Students as Rosary Visitors to elementary schools... **Nancy was the**



first person to launch this Pilot Project in Our Lady of Mount Carmel, CSS - training the first group of High School students to visit classrooms in St. John of the Cross CES to pray the Rosary on a monthly basis.

Nancy was born on St. Valentine's day... and she really became **an apostle of love to all!**

She returned to the house of our Heavenly Father on April 7th, the **Feast Day of St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle, who happens to be the patron of Teachers! Nancy you are a perfect model for Catholic teachers of all times!**

My dear Nancy, you were for me a very dear friend, who was always ready to give me great support. Your positive outlook was a shining light for me!

Thank you Nancy, for your witness of gentle love with a smile, for your true friendship, for all the hours of service freely given for the Glory of God and in honour of the Blessed Mother. You were on earth a true Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and you remain so in heaven!

We will never forget you.

**Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.
President of Board
Spiritual Director**

The Legacy of Nancy Helen Pevcevicius



We Remember her:

"I am very saddened to learn about the passing away of Nancy Helen Pevcevicius. I have known her since she first joined the Rosary Apostolate. She was a very active and dedicated member and leader. We thank her for providing leadership in a number of important positions in our organization and for inspiring the school children to love praying the Rosary. I will always remember her enthusiasm, always greeting me with a friendly smile, whether working at the head office with her sister or at the regional meetings and other Rosary Apostolate activities. We will miss you, but your memory will be with us always. Rest in peace dear Nancy. To her family, please accept my deepest condolence for your loss."

**Fe Santos
Vice President Board**



"I have known Nancy since the St. Joseph days of the Rosary Apostolate. She was doing the filing of the yearly themes while I did the filing of reports and applications of volunteers from the different regions. Generally, we (together with Jan, my husband, Marita, Henry, Ian & Lu, Zelma, Dina, Lorraine and the other ladies) worked together especially during the busy months of July, August & September preparing the supplies for each region. Sometimes we would go every day to finish the packing.

We always had a lot of fun. She was such a warm and loving lady, ever positive in looking at life. I liked to work with her because she was dedicated, organized, and always helpful. Although these last few years we hardly saw each other, whenever we got to see one another, we still had that closeness that we had developed long ago.

May God bless you dear friend.....farewell.....you are now with our loving Lord."

Camila Nowakowski
Treasurer Board



"I am very saddened with the loss of dear Nancy. I have worked with her for many, many years in the Rosary Apostolate, and she has been a trusted, devoted, dedicated, committed, and highly dependable Volunteer.

Together with our Sr. Marilina Cinelli, President of The Rosary Apostolate and our Board of Directors: Fe Santos, Vice President, Camila Nowakowski (my sister), Treasurer, and I, Boots Montano, Secretary, will forever miss Nancy's smile, enthusiasm and many good works, for the greater glory of God!

May God's Merciful Love and Forgiveness be upon Nancy, and may she see God face to face; and May Mother Mary's Mantle of Protection be upon you Charlie to give you strength, peace, comfort; and to cope with Nancy's passing."

With Prayers and Sympathy,
(Mrs.) Boots Montano
Secretary Board



"I remember Nancy Pevcevicus... as a loving, sweet and kind soul. She would always give me the most loving, warm hug and kiss every time we saw each other at the Rosary Apostolate H.O.

Nancy was always very committed and dedicated to the task at hand; always on top of things and ready to lend a helping hand. Although she was battling a horrible disease, she was never unhappy, bitter or sorrowful... she was always full of joy; always had a smile on her face, grateful for another day. She always had kind words to say to everyone she spoke with.

Nancy was a very special person and will forever remain in my heart. I will miss her ❤️ dearly. Rest in the loving arms of the Lord, dear friend. 🙏❤️

One day, at one of our Regional Directors' workshops, Nancy asked me if I wanted to become a Screening Agent. I asked her what I needed to do. We set up a date to meet, and she trained me, and the rest is history."

Teresa D'Amelio
Screening Enforcement
Inspector





"It has been a pleasure knowing Nancy for many years – ever since she moved from Toronto to Mississauga 5 Region.

Nancy was an excellent leader - always so organized and always willing to help when and where needed. We grew to be good friends - I will miss our lunches and coffee times together at our favourite dining places.

Nancy never liked to talk about herself - she would always reply when asked how she was feeling - "Oh not too bad today".

God Bless you, Nancy.
Will never forget you!"
Love,

Karen McCarthy
Mississauga Region 5

"So saddened to hear of Nancy's passing RIP... I have known Nancy for many years in the Apostolate. She was devoted to Our Lady, and the Apostolate, helping in all areas, Fundraising, Regional Director, Apostolic Director and Screening. She was always there to help with questions and would go out of her way to be of help when needed. She was very efficient, firm with attention to detail, while always being kind and considerate.

I will always remember her leading us in songs that she had written for the fundraising luncheon. She was a great help to Sister Marilina.

We will miss her, but Our Lady has other plans."

Margaret Tomei
Mississauga Region 1

"I remember Nancy to be a joyful person with a ready smile to everyone she meets and works with, serving the Rosary Apostolate for many years with love and devotion, her crown definitely awaits for her in heaven. Wherever you are Nancy, you will be in our hearts..."

Love Nora Hart
Scarborough Region 2

"Nancy, a kind, understanding and cool-headed lady - a true Ambassador for Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Nancy was always gentle in dealing with individuals who had problems. Hers was not "it's my way only", but "do the best you can". Nancy, the Director for Mississauga 5, had respect for every member on the Team and always had time for each of us.

She gave her ALL to the Rosary Apostolate despite her medical challenges. I am grateful to have worked alongside Nancy. She embodied the quality of humility never expecting recognition.

Rest in Peace Nancy, in the arms of Our Blessed Mother. "

Juliet Rebello
Mississauga Region 5



"I thank God for being a member of the Rosary Apostolate in Mississauga. I had an opportunity to meet Nancy. Nancy was a very dedicated leader and hard working. She was very approachable and kind. I will miss her. Thank you Nancy for all you have done. Goodbye Nancy, pray for us as we pray for you."

Zennie Galway
Mississauga Region 5

"It is with extreme sorrow that we remember our dear Director for Mississauga 5 Nancy Pevcevicus... a kind, compassionate and loving person, who always wished to be of assistance to anyone."

She always had time for us and would find ways to make solutions to our needs. Nancy was fun to work with and we will miss her tremendously. May Nancy Rest in Peace... Amen."

Gladys Noronha
Mississauga Region 5

"It's a blessing to have known Nancy... a true and faithful RA in her heart and deeds... will surely be missed! May eternal peace be with you Nancy as you start an everlasting journey with our Lord!"

Ging Suazon
Pickering Region



**Pilgrimage to Quebec,
Our Lady of the Cape, 2014**

"I wish to extend my sympathies on the passing of our Dear director Nancy. She was an exemplary person in that she was very enthusiastic about the Rosary Apostolate and the prayers and Rosaries we were promoting at the schools. She was very patient with many of us who are older in that she had to keep reminding us of many things we were to do. She came over with Karen McCarthy a few times to say the Rosary with my family on the Titular feasts of Our Lady at my home. I already offered a Mass for her soul, and I look forward to celebrating Mass with my fellow members when the time is right." May her soul rest in peace, Amen.

Doris Zammit
Mississauga Region 5

"I was shocked and saddened to hear the sad news of Nancy's passing. It was so sudden to us and knowing Nancy, she probably didn't want us to know and worry about her. She always made light of what she was going through in her struggles with cancer. She was an amazing, caring, and loving leader in our group. She made everything so simple and easy for us, not putting any pressures on us. She will be sadly missed in our Region. May Almighty God grant her soul eternal peace."

In sorrow,
Dolly De Vienna
Mississauga Region 5



Nancy Participating at Fundraising Events



"I had the great pleasure of meeting Nancy a couple of years ago when I joined the Rosary Apostolate. Nancy was so warm and welcoming with her kind demeanour and beautiful smile. She was an outstanding mentor and leader who was always ready and willing to lend her generous support and guidance.

I am so grateful for having had the opportunity to know her, even if only for a short while, and have been inspired by her tremendous devotion to Our Lady and dedication to the Rosary Apostolate.

Nancy will always be fondly remembered and dearly missed. May she rest in the loving embrace of our dear Lord and our Blessed Mother."

Nadia Santarossa
Mississauga Region 5

"We came to know Nancy through working with her at the Rosary Apostolate office where we were screening agents.

As she was innately gifted in great abundance with organizational and other skills, Nancy naturally assumed a leadership role in various capacities. Always ready to help, her agreeable and kindly disposition made her easy to approach for direction and assistance.

Rosary Apostolate Luncheon Song

Tune: HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

1. We're the Rosary Apostolate, yes we are! (3x)
Oh, yes we are!
2. The Holy Mother is our patron, yes she is! (3x)
Oh, yes she is!
3. We pray the rosary with children, every month! (3X)
Yes, every month!
4. With your support, we keep on growing, yes we do! (3x)
Oh, yes we do!
5. Thanks for coming to our luncheon, everyone! (3x)
Thank you, everyone!
6. We're the Rosary Apostolate, yes we are! (3x)
See you next year!

[This song was written by Nancy H. Pevcevicius. She taught the Fundraising Committee how to sing it at our meetings.]

Endowed with a love of teaching and despite her own suffering, she was a perfect fit to ably assist Sister Marilina in leading the children to Mother Mary. Her considerable contribution to this end exemplified Nancy's deep spirituality, dedication and fidelity to Our Lady and God. She is indeed an example to all of us.

We will always remember Nancy with great fondness, love and prayers."
Lorraine and Ann
Toronto North Region

"I worked closely with Nancy many years ago on screening and have many good memories of her friendly disposition and caring

attitude. She was very dedicated to her good works even when she was fighting her illness.

I am happy that we got to spend time together.
May she Rest in Peace."
God Bless,
Frances Magliocchi
North York South Region

"Thank you Nancy for passing to us your knowledge about screening every mailed paper works from the regions. Thank you for your dedication and patience. You will be in my heart forever."
Thanks,
Doris Marquez
Scarborough South West Region

"We have lost a saintly friend and dear coworker. Nancy entered into eternity during the Octave of Easter. We pray that she experiences firsthand the infinite Mercy and Joy of Our Risen Lord.

Nancy was a tremendous asset to the Rosary Apostolate organization-tirelessly volunteering for a variety of responsibilities to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the day-to-day operation.

Nancy was a valuable screener for our Mississauga Region. She was always very pleasant and had a ready and friendly smile to help us ensure our documentation was in good order. In every situation she was kind, knowledgeable and understanding, and always willing to offer dedicated service to all for the good for the Rosary Apostolate programme.

We will miss Nancy. We will miss her smile and her friendship. She worked

diligently for the good of all. May she receive the just reward of a good and faithful servant.

Pray for us Nancy as we pray for you... may your soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the Peace of Christ.

It was good knowing you Nancy... may we meet again in Paradise."

Margaret Stanley
Mississauga Region 6

"Nancy was a loving person and a good director. May she rest in peace."

Zerina Vaz
Mississauga Region 5

"Nancy, you were one of the cornerstones of the Rosary Apostolate and you will be missed by all of us greatly! I always admired how much care and thoughtfulness you brought to everything. You were always so friendly, kind, and quick to help. I can picture you now, sitting in the front row of our meetings, with pen and paper in hand - you asked the best questions and your enthusiasm was inspiring. This is a big loss for the entire Rosary Apostolate family. Nancy, we will be praying for your soul.

May you rest in Christ's eternal peace and love."
Sandra Priselac
Brampton Region 5

"I got to know Nancy years ago when she taught in St. Anthony's with my dear friend Rosemary [RIP]. One day I supplied in her class. Everything was perfect! Her Day Book was a work of art. Every detail was accounted for and the children missed her not being there.



Nancy's Screening filing cabinet

Later when she retired, I met her again in the Rosary Apostolate. Nancy was still her upbeat cheery self in spite of her sixteen years going in and out of the dreaded cancer. Obviously, she was still using her meticulous organizational skills, her great love of children and her unwavering commitment to prayer."

Ann Rooney
Toronto North Region

"It was a pleasure and an honour to have served with you, Nancy, in The Rosary Apostolate, Inc. in Mississauga 5. 'Cut the frills and let's get to the basics and get the job done.'
Rest in Peace"

Love Carin Dokurno
Mississauga Region 5

I have got to know Nancy only 2 years, then the lockdown and I kept praying that we could continue with the schools. Something about my short time that I knew her...She was patient and kind. I found her with her suffering a loving and giving person. She also sometimes took on too much because others were not doing their part.

She was the steering person with the schools. For the short time I knew her, she always had a kind word for everyone.

Before I heard she had passed, I was thinking of her and praying that she was not struggling.

Very Kind and giving soul.

I will really miss her a lot.
May she Rest in Peace.
God Bless You,
Susan Monaco
Mississauga 5

May God give Nancy's soul eternal peace and a safe resting place with him. My prayers for God's comfort are with her family.
Brigitte Daniel
Mississauga 5



Passing of Nancy Pevcevicius – Regional Director – Miss 5
(Sent to all members of Miss 5 – Thursday, April 8, 2021)

It is with a heavy heart today that I am sending each of you a message from Sister Marilina Cinelli and Teresa D'Amelio regarding the passing of our Regional Director, Nancy Pevcevicius who passed away on Wed April 7, 2021 from liver cancer at the Mississauga Trillium Health Partners Hospital. She leaves her husband Charlie and her sister, Rena.

I will truly miss her as she was a very good personal friend and an excellent leader. Nancy was a devoted Catholic who loved our Blessed Mother and The Rosary Apostolate, Inc. very much. Everyone who knew Nancy, loved her too!

Let us keep Nancy in your prayers and thank Him for all she did for us.
God Bless you, Nancy.

Karen McCarthy
Mississauga Region 5

I was very saddened to hear of Nancy's passing. She was one of the most caring and self-giving people you could ever meet. She tried very hard to make everyone feel comfortable and she brought out the best in everyone. If you felt unsure of how to

present a topic, she was there to give you all the support and help you needed. It was because of her that I stayed with the Rosary Apostolate. Her dedication to Our Blessed Mother and to Our Lord was an inspiration and she gave everything into their hands, be it from her work to her health. Even when you could see that she was not feeling well she always had a smile on her face and a cheerful remark of confidence in God's will. May she rest in peace and be rewarded greatly for all she did and for all the lives she touched mine especially. I will miss you very much.

J. Rossi
Mississauga 5

Nancy will be remembered for her commitment, dedication, and love to Mother Mary. We will remember her with blessings of peace, joy, and love. She is now at peace with our Almighty God, Mother Mary and in the company of Angels and Saints in heaven. We will miss you, Nancy!

Vicky Divina
Mississauga 5

