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Sister Mary Hegarty, who served for three years with the Catholic Campus Ministry, died Tuesday of cancer.

Hegarty, who was 61, came to Columbia in July 1989 from a neighborhood self-help project in the Brooklyn diocese's Catholic Charities Office,

While at Columbia, Hegarty conducted several study groups and helped students with a project to build a shelter for AIDS victims last year.

She was diagnosed with cancer in September, according to Monsignor Christopher Maloney, Catholic campus minister.

"She had gone back to the

mother house of her order... They treated her as best they could, but they knew it was terminal and that it was just a matter of time," Maloney said.

"We will all miss her very much, both her dedication to students and her personal sense of commitment to living a religious life in a contemporary community," Maloney said.

"We loved her and are going to miss her alot. She was a wonderful woman and a real example for all of us, both religiously and as a person. She was really precious," said Frank Ballabio, SEAS '93.

Services will be held for Hegarty this Saturday in Newburg, NY, and the Catholic Campus Ministry will conduct a memorial service at St. Paul's Chapel on March 12.