



Sisters of St. John the Baptist
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*Sr. Damian Marie Cameola, CS.JB., 90 years of age was a
Sister of St. John the Baptist for 70 years*

Sr. Damian Marie, CS.JB. passed to her eternal reward peacefully at Providence Rest Nursing Home, Bronx, NY on August 24, 2016. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on August 27, 2016 at Providence Rest Chapel, Bronx, NY. Sister was interred at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, NY.

Sister Damian Marie was born on September 26, 1925 in Manhattan, NYC. She entered the Sisters of St. John the Baptist on September 7, 1946 at St. John Villa, Staten Island, NY. She made her 1st Profession of Vows in 1948 and Final Profession on August 2, 1953 at Morgan Island, Glen Cove, NY.

Sister Damian left for Africa to start her missionary work as a teacher. She was there from August 1948 until October 1958.

Back in the United States she continued as a teacher from 1959 until 1962 at Mt. St. John, Gladstone, NJ and St. John Villa, Staten Island, NY respectively. In August 1962 she was appointed Mistress of the Junior Professed at Mt. St. John, White Plains, NY. She then returned to Africa in September 1965 until October 1970.

On her return from Africa she was made Principal at St. John Villa elementary School, Staten Island, NY in August 1971.

In August of 1976, Sister Damian Marie was appointed Superior at Providence Rest Convent, Bronx, NY and reappointed in August 1979.

Sister did not only teach, but she was also a CCD Coordinator of the Religious Education Program and ministered to the homebound parishioners at St. Dominic School, Bronx, NY from August 1982 to August 1986.

Sister Damian Marie was transferred to St. Roch Convent, Staten Island, NY and taught part time in the school in August 29, 1986. In September 6, 1986, Sister took a leave of absence while continuing to teach part time at St. Roch Elementary School. After her



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leave of absence, Sister remained in St. Roch Convent in August 1988 as a part time teacher. In August 1991, Sister Damian was appointed Superior while continuing as a part time teacher. In 1997, she devoted her time as a part time teacher. In August of 2003, she was appointed as Superior of St. Roch Convent, Staten Island, NY and reappointed in August 2006. In August 2009 she retired, but assisted in the convent needs.

In July 2, 2012 due to declining health, Sister retired at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY. Then in December 31, 2012, Sister was transferred to Providence Rest Nursing Home, Bronx, NY.

Sister Damian Marie Cameola had the opportunity to travel to Italy in September 11, 1975 to October 8, 1975 representing the Sisters for our International Assembly. In September 1996 to September 1999 she was elected Provincial Councilor.

Sister was an excellent cook, every time you tasted her cuisine you always looked forward to the next meal. She was a dedicated religious who faithfully fulfilled her ministerial and communal responsibilities bringing joy to all she met.

Sister Damian Marie Cameola is survived by her sisters Rose Marie Columbus and Theresa Zazzarino, nieces and nephews.