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Sr. Frederick Mary Depew, C.S.JB.
76 years of age was a Sister of St. John the Baptist for 56 years

Sr. Frederick Mary, C.S.JB. passed to her eternal reward peacefully at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY surrounded by Sisters on May 23, 2019. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated by Most. Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D. on May 29, 2019 at St. Anthony de Padua Church, West Harrison, NY. Sister was interred at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY.

Sr. Frederick Mary was born on February 21, 1943, Newburgh, NY. She entered the Sisters of St. John the Baptist on January 6, 1963 at Glen Cove, Long Island, NY. Sister celebrated her Final Profession on August 29, 1969 at Glen Cove, Long Island, NY.

Sr. Frederick Mary was involved in many corporate ministries of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist from Bronx County, Westchester County, Gladstone, NJ and to our Community in India.

In 1972, Sister lived in St. Dominic Convent, Bronx, NY and ministered at Providence Rest Nursing Home, Bronx, NY as an LPN, and X-Ray Technician. Sr. Frederick continued to work at the Home from 1976, 1978, to 1981 while doing her duty as the Superior of St. Dominic Convent. 1982, she was transferred to Providence Rest Convent appointed Superior and work in the Social Services Department of the Home. Sr. Frederick was asked to live at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase NY in 1987 and became the Superior of the convent while continue to part time at Providence Rest Social Services.

In 1975, Sr. Frederick crossed George Washington Bridge where she accepted a teaching position in our High School, Mt. St. John and lived at the convent for one year.



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Sr. Frederick accepted her assignments without hesitation. In 1977, she was sent to India for one year and assisted with the young Sisters in their formation, she returned to the US soil in 1978.

There were many opportunities in Sister's religious life that she took on and ministered in different capacities: assisted in the formation house at Immaculate Heart Novitiate Bronx, NY with 12 young ladies studying to be Sisters from 1989-1994, appointed Superior at Mt. St. John, Purchase, NY 1994-2000, in the same capacity she was asked to be the Superior at St. Lucy Convent, Newark, NJ, 2002 Sister traveled to Staten Island, NY and became the Superior of St. John Villa Convent until 2006, from August 2006 to 2012, she was appointed Administrator of Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY. With her generosity of heart and ready to venture for the future, Sr. Frederick accepted her appointment as Provincial Treasurer in 2015. This ministry was not totally new to her, but there were also challenges that she did not hesitate to learn the aspects of finances. She kept this position until she was called by God to her eternal rest on May 23, 2019.

Sr. Frederick Mary lived a life of humility, ready to serve our community with pride, compassion, joy, wanting to learn and explore new things. The happiest moment in her religious life was witnessing the Founder's Canonization on October 16, 2016. Her health condition did not impede her from the glorious event in the history of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist witnessing in person our Father Founder, Alfonso Maria Fusco become a Saint as declared by our Holy Father, Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square, Rome, Italy.

Sister is survived by her brother, John, his wife Betty, sister-in-law, nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly and they were very supportive of Olga Mary, Aunt Olga, Sr. Frederick Mary all the way to the end of her last breath.