

## Sr. Joanne Marruso, C.S.JB., 89 years old Sister of St. John the Baptist for 71 years

Sr. Joanne Marruso, C.S.JB. passed peacefully to her eternal reward at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY on October 25, 2015. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for her on October 29, 2015 at Providence Rest Convent Chapel Bronx, New York. Sister was interred at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester, NY.

Sr. Joanne was born June 8, 1926 in Brooklyn, NY to Pasquale and Nancy Marruso. Sister entered the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in 1943 at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY. She received the habit in 1944 and professed her final vows in 1950.

Sister received a BS degree from Seton Hall University in 1954 and an MS in Theology from Fordham University in 1961. With her educational background she ministered for the next 18 years from 1945-1963 in St. Lucy Elementary School, Newark, NJ, St. Vincent de Paul, Stirling, NJ, St. James Elementary School, NYC (Lower Manhattan), Mt. St. John Academy in Gladstone, NJ and at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island.

In 1963 to 1968 Sr. Joanne was assigned to the newly opened Bishop Burke High School in Gloversville, NY. After a 5 year teaching career with Bishop Burke HS, Sister ministered at Alphonsus Junior College, Woodcliff Lake, NJ from September 1968-1974 in various roles as assistant finance officer, resident director of students, and director of Postulants and Junior Sisters.

In 1974 answering the call of the Community, she began studies at Long Island University to attain a Masters degree in Health Care and Administration.

In 1975 Sister assumed the position of Administrator of Providence Rest Nursing Home, Bronx, NY. During her administration, a new wing was added to the Home. For 27 years, Sister Joanne served in Providence Rest as Administrator and as Director of Development.

In addition to her ministries, Sister Joanne also served on the leadership team of the Community as Provincial Councilor and as a Delegate to the Congregation's international meetings in Rome, Italy on numerous occasions. In 2012, Sister retired to Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY.

Sister Joanne was a dedicated religious who faithfully fulfilled her ministerial and communal responsibilities bringing joy to all she knew especially to the students she taught and loved.

Sister Joanne is survived by her sister, Marie Dentato of Allendale, NJ her two nephews Patrick Dentato and Thomas Dentato and her nieces, Maria Simmons and Donna Vitale, residents of New Jersey.