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Sr. Mary Crucifix Buttaci, C.S.JB.
95 years of age was a Sister of St. John the Baptist for 76 years

Sr. Mary Crucifix, C.S.JB., passed to her eternal reward peacefully at White Plains Hospital, White Plains, NY on April 17, 2020. Sister was interred at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY on April 24, 2020. Prayers were said by Rev. George Kanshamba at the gravesite. A Memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later date.

Carmela was born on July 25, 1924 in Manhattan, NY to Paul and Colagera Franciamore. She entered the Sisters of St. John the Baptist on January 31, 1943 at Mt. St. John, White Plains, NY. Sister celebrated her Final Profession on August 29, 1949 in Santiago, Chile.

Sr. Mary Crucifix began her teaching career in 1944 at St. Lucy Elementary School, Newark, NJ and was transferred to Our Lady of Loretto, NYC and taught early childhood. November 28, 1946, Sister was chosen to go as a missionary in Santiago, Chile taught in our school until December 1949. January 1, 1950, she was transferred to Ovalle, Chile taught in our school until July 1961.

In 1961, when Sister came back to the US soil, she was assigned in Immaculate Heart Novitiate, Glen Cove, NY to assist with Postulants and Novices formation. Then she was appointed Mistress of Postulants in Mt. St. John Convent, White Plains, NY in 1967. She retained this position for several years in different times between our formation houses in NY and NJ.

Sr. Mary Crucifix's real passion was teaching. August 1967, she was appointed short term principal of Mt. St. John Elementary, Gladstone, NJ until Oct. 1967 because she was elected General Councilor and served this position until July 1972. Upon return, she continued her teaching ministries in St. Lucy School, Newark until July 1973, St. Dominic School, Bronx, NY as librarian and superior of the convent from 1973 to 1974, St. Bernard Elementary in Plainfield, NJ from 1974 to 1975, 1975-1976- St.



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Lucy School, Newark, NJ. Feb. 7th 1982, Sister was appointed Directress of Formation in Immaculate Heart Novitiate, Gladstone, NJ until 1985. August of 1985, she was appointed Superior of St. Lucy, Newark and taught 8th grade until 1986. From 1987-1992, she taught in Mt. St. John High School, Gladstone, NJ. In New York area: from 1976-1982 and 1992 Sister ministered in St. James Elementary School, NYC both as a classroom teacher and superior of the convent. Sister was transferred to Staten Island and taught High School at St. John Villa Academy from 1994-2008.

While focused on teaching and forming the young ladies to become religious sisters, Sr. Mary Crucifix was chosen to represent our congregation and was appointed General Councilor and served this ministry in Rome, Italy from 1967-1972. In 1975, Sister was elected Provincial Councilor and served this position until 1979. From 1986-1987, Sister volunteered to work in a hospitality center in Notre Dame, Jerusalem, Israel and welcomed many pilgrims around the world.

Sr. Mary Crucifix's tireless and generous service to our community was filled with enthusiasm, conviction and vigor. She volunteered for a month to our mission in Mexico from June 2001 to July 2001 then in July 2008 she ministered in St. Fortunata Parish, Brooklyn, NY and served the various works of the parish until she retired in Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY on December 2015.

Carmela, Sr. Mary Crucifix is survived by her loving sister Gertrude, nieces, nephews and cousins whom she loved dearly until the end of her last breath.