SR. ANGELINA TARALLO, C.S.JB. October 25, 1913 – January 3, 2003

Sr. Angelina Tarallo was born in Volturino, Italy, on October 25, 1913 to Luigi Tarallo and Maria Carmela Urbano.

On May 11, 1931, Sister entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. John the Baptist in Rome, Italy, and made her first profession of vows on June 24, 1935. She then traveled to the United States and was assigned to St. Lucy Convent in Newark. In 1937 Sr. Angelina was transferred to the first Providence Rest Home in White Plains where she worked for one year; in 1938 Sister continued her work at the new Providence Rest facility in the Bronx.

On June 24, 1939 Sr. Angelina professed her perpetual vows and was asked to continue her work for God at St. John Villa Academy as kindergarten teacher. After three years, Sister was called by God to do mission work at St. Benedicta's Parish on Staten Island until 1945 when she returned to teaching the kindergarten children at Our Lady of Pompeii in Brooklyn. In 1949 Sister commenced a new work in parish ministry at St. Dominic Parish in the Bronx and continued to work in this ministry at Most Precious Blood Parish in Brooklyn from 1953 to 1965, after which time she taught catechism at Immaculate Heart Novitiate, Glen Cove, Long Island, for one year.

On August 30, 1965, Sister was once again reassigned to St. John Villa Academy, where she faithfully and wholeheartedly accomplished the Lord's work for the next 30 years working with God's little ones in the kindergarten. It was here where she was happiest and most fulfilled as a Baptistine. Sister had a wonderful way with the Lord's little ones...always gentle and loving, caring and nurturing...and the children loved her dearly. We believe that all children have a guardian angel to watch over them...but we can also be sure that Sr. Angelina was truly their second guardian angel.

On August 1, 2001 Sr. Angelina retired to the Sisters' retirement home at Mt. St. John Convent in Purchase, New York. On December 2, 2002 Sister was admitted to Providence Rest Nursing Home due to the fact that she now required greater physical care. After only one month at Providence Rest, the Lord called Sr. Angelina home to rest in His eternal peace, joy and love. Now in the company of all the angels and saints in heaven, she continues to pray and intercede for us...and is still taking care of her "little ones."

Sr. Angelina truly lived the words of Blessed Alphonsus Maria Fusco:

"Jesus loved children; let us love them, too, by educating them, and it will be like bringing flowers to Jesus."