

SISTER AUGUSTA KOYNOK

(JUNE 18, 1911 - SEPTEMBER 18, 1990)

Sister Augusta christened Mary Koynok, was born in Wharton, New Jersey on June 18, 1911. On February 19, 1932 Sister entered at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, New York. She professed her first vows on September 8, 1933 and perpetual vows on September 8, 1938.

After her first profession in 1933, Sr. Augusta was assigned to teach at St. Lucy's School, Newark, New Jersey. She was then transferred to teach at Mt. St. John Academy, Gladstone, New Jersey from 1938 to 1940. Responding to the call of obedience, Sister Augusta was missioned to Africa in 1940. On her way to Africa with a stop over in Rome, she was never able to continue her journey because of World War II. Serving in the capacity of personal secretary to Mother Benedetta Saulo, General Superior at the time, Sr. Augusta remained in Rome for a period of thirty-four years. In November 1974, Sister returned to the American Province, returning home, to Mt. St. John Academy. She ministered in the school multi-media center until her sickness of terminal cancer. After undergoing surgery, Sr. Augusta was brought to Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase on April 26, 1990 until God called her to Himself, on September 18, 1990.

Besides being extremely prayerful, Sr. Augusta was always patient, and kind. She was docile and possessed a spirit of simplicity and gentleness. Her quiet and sweet smile will long be remembered.