

**SR. BATTISTE GUERRIERI, C.S.JB.**  
**March 27, 1917 – August 27, 2003**

**On April 19, 1933, Sister entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. John the Baptist at St. John Villa, Staten Island, New York and received the habit on December 8, 1933. Sister made her first profession of vows on December 9, 1934 after which time she commenced her 69 years of dedicated and loving service to the Lord.**

**Sister's many years of active ministry extended from the loving education of God's little ones in many parish schools to the gentle and nurturing care of the elderly at Providence Rest Nursing Home. Sr. Battiste always brought the presence of Christ to all those to whom she ministered...even the homeless on the lower east side of Manhattan. Sister warmly welcomed all those who came into her presence with kindness, understanding and much love.**

**Sister has been eulogized as a religious who was "uncompromising in doing what she believed should be done, generous in thinking of others and their needs before her own, gifted with a sense of humor and the ability to laugh even at herself." Her life was lived for others and what she did for others she did with all the love of her heart – never counting the cost or inconvenience whether she was ministering to the young, the old or the homeless.**

**This heartfelt spirit of commitment and dedication was also extended to the Sisters and to the members of her loving family. Her hands were the hands of Christ and her actions were the actions of Christ as she responded to the needs of each person the Lord sent into her life.**

**On August 27, 2003 Sr. Battiste was called home to God to receive from Him the crown of eternal life...a crown that she so richly deserves.**

*"May the holy angels be there to welcome you  
with all the saints who go before you,  
that you may know the peace and joy of paradise;  
that you may enter into everlasting rest."*