

## SR. CONSIGLIA VALLETTA, C.S.JB.

June 5, 1925 – July 10, 2000

**“I have done my best in the race; I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith.”**

Sr. Consiglia Valletta was born in Naples, Italy on June 5, 1925 to Giovanni Valletta and Giovanna Mangiapia. On July 8, 1943, at the age of 18, Sister entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. John the Baptist and was received into the habit on February 2, 1946. Sister made her first profession of vows on February 11, 1947. Two months later, on April 14, 1947, responding to the Lord's will in her life, Sr. Consiglia left her beloved country and arrived in the United States.

Once in the United States, Sr. Consiglia resided at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, New York, and spent each day soliciting charity for the needs of the Community. In 1961 Sister was assigned to Alphonsus Manor, Cairo, New York to do parish ministry. In 1962 Sister was transferred to Immaculate Heart Novitiate, Glen Cove, Long Island where she taught sewing to the novices and postulants and sewed religious habits herself for the Sisters. Four years later, Sr. Consiglia gave very generously of her time and talents to domestic work at St. Joseph Villa, Peapack, New Jersey. The summer of 1967 brought Sister back to Mt. St. John Convent in Purchase where she spent the next ten years ministering to the needs of the Community there in the form of domestic work. In 1977 for a period of one year, Sr. Consiglia was given the responsibility of being Sister-in-Charge at Our Lady of Loreto in New York City. On June 27, 1978 Sister once again returned to Mt. St. John's in Purchase where she originally began her community ministry.

During the next 22 years her work was one of constant giving, in a special way to those who were homebound, by bringing them the Eucharist or by simply visiting with them over a cup of coffee and some Stella Doro cookies, which she always kept in the trunk of her car. During this time, Sister was also engaged in parish work and taught CCD. Many times she participated in the various religious trips that were sponsored by the Italian Clubs of St. Vito's Parish in Mamaroneck, New York and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in White Plains, New York. Her love for her family was steadfast and strong; she was always there for them as they were always there for her.

During the last years of her life, Sr. Consiglia suffered from terminal cancer, but was a constant source of inspiration to all who knew her. She was always resigned to God's will throughout her life, and even more so during her final days. Many times she would express this resignation in a spirit of prayer and peace of soul with the words: “I am ready to go to see Jesus.” Sr. Consiglia went to meet her Lord on July 10, 2000. “Come, Bride of Christ, accept the crown which the Lord has prepared for you in eternity.”