

**SR. JOSEPHINE MARIE FRANCO, C.S.JB.**

**July 12, 1916 – November 3, 2007**

Sr. Josephine Marie (Rosaria) Franco was born July 12, 1916 in Brooklyn, New York to Salvatore and Josephine Franco.

Sister entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. John the Baptist on April, 1936 and on February 2, 1938 made her first profession of vows.

From 1938 to 1961 Sister taught at various schools – Mt. St. John, Gladstone, NJ St. Lucy's School, Newark, NJ St. James School, NY, and St. Dominic's School, Bronx, NY. In August of 1961, Sr. Josephine Marie very generously responded to God's call to assume the responsibility of Local Superior and Principal at St. Dominic School and Convent in the Bronx. In 1967 Sister was transferred to St. Roch Convent on Staten Island and continued her ministry of teaching and then as Principal in 1968. In September of 1970, Sr. Josephine Marie was assigned to St. John Villa Academy elementary school where she continued to do God's teaching again. In the fall of 1988, Sister returned to St. Dominic School to continue in the teaching profession. From 1979 to April 2007, Sister Josephine did what she loved best teaching her beloved children in schools in the archdiocese of New York.

During her very active life of teaching and school administration, Sr. Josephine Marie always found much joy and great fulfillment in her work whether it was teaching God's little ones or administering to the faculty, students and families. As principal Sister fulfilled all that God called her to do in a spirit of loving generosity and heartfelt dedication.

On April 9, 2007 after many years of loving service to God, the Church and the Congregation, Sr. Josephine Marie retired to Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, New York. Due to the need for greater skilled nursing care, Sister was transferred to Providence Rest Nursing Home on August 20, 2007. Soon after, Sister's health began to fail and Sister was called home to her God and Father on November 3, 2007 and is now enjoying the fullness of His eternal vision and peace.

*"May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem."*