

Sr. Justina Cella

May 23, 1919 - December 20, 1992

At St. Agnes Hospital, White Plains, New York, on December 20, 1992, Sr. Justina Cella passed to her eternal reward.

Sr. Justina christened Helen, was born on May 23, 1919 in Newark, New Jersey. She entered religious life on October 4, 1943 in White Plains, New York. Upon first profession, September 21, 1945, Sr. Justina was assigned to Precious Blood Convent, Brooklyn, New York to do parish work. In September, 1946, Sister was transferred to Mt. St. John Academy, Gladstone, New Jersey to assume an awesome responsibility of caring for infants and young children for a period of seven years. Her dedication and fidelity in caring for the young continued at St. Dominic School, Bronx, New York when she was transferred in 1953 to teach kindergarten and then in 1972 at Alphonsus College, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey where she helped in our Day Care Center until 1975.

Sister's second career, once again reflected her motherly care and fidelity to God's children. Sister assumed the responsibility of cook in our convents at St. Bernard's, Plainfield, New Jersey, from September, 1975 to 1986; St. Roch, Staten Island, New York, from 1986 to 1989, and Mt. St. John Academy, Gladstone, New Jersey from 1989 to 1992. Shortly after her transfer to Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, in August, 1992, Sr. Justina's health failed rapidly. Sister was admitted to the hospital in October, 1992, and was diagnosed as having cancer. After six weeks, she returned to the convent for one week and then was re-admitted to St. Agnes Hospital where God called her to Himself on December 20, 1992.

Sister Justina is remembered by those with whom she lived and by the many lay people who came to know her through her apostolate. She permeated a gentleness of Spirit and was most generous with her time and talents in the everyday routine of community life. We pray that like her, we may grow each day in the love of God.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE