

SR. MARY DOLORES GUARINO, C.S.JB.
September 1, 1911 – July 14, 2004

Sr. Mary Dolores Guarino was born in New York City on September 11, 1911 to John Guarino and Antoinetta Di Grusa.

On June 22, 1939, Sister entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. John the Baptist as a junior postulant and made her first profession of vows on December 28, 1940 at Mt. St. John Convent, White Plains, New York. Sister was then assigned to St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, as the directress of the girl residents.

In March 1943 Sr. Mary Dolores was transferred to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Brooklyn, where she became very active in mission work in the parish.

On December 27, 1945, Sister professed her perpetual vows and was asked to return to her ministry as directress of the girl residents...this time at Mt. St. John Academy, Gladstone, New Jersey. After three years, God called her to do parish work for the next 25 years at Our Lady of Pompeii in Brooklyn, where she also served as Superior from 1968 to 1972. Sister's other ministries include retreat work at St. Joseph Villa in Peapack, New Jersey, and caring for the aged at Mt. St. John, Purchase, New York, while it served as an extension of Providence Rest Nursing Home. It was here at Mt. St. John Convent that Sister would retire after her many years of wholehearted dedication to God's work among His people.

Sr. Mary Dolores lived her life as a Sister of St. John the Baptist in a spirit of loving fidelity and with heartfelt generosity in all that God called her to do...always for His glory and for the good of her beloved Baptistine Community. Sister's life was centered in prayer and deeply focused on her love of God and each person that God brought into her life. She was artistically creative and constantly giving of her time and talents. Whatever God gave to Sr. Mary Dolores, she returned it to Him one hundredfold.

On July 14, 2004, Sr. Mary Dolores responded for the last time to Christ's words and call in her life, *"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, and receive the kingdom prepared for you from all eternity,"* when she entered into the fullness of God's eternal life of peace, joy and love which she so richly deserves.