

At nine thirty on the evening of September 16, Sister Mary Joseph Ponsiglione, having spent a pleasant day with her fellow Sisters, at White Plains, succumbed to a heart attack. Sister had received the last Sacraments; and all her Sisters surrounded her bed in prayer, when she breathed her last.

Amelia, as she was known, was born in Napoli on December 27, 1895, and came to this country, with her family, when she was a small child. She was received as a postulant on September 15, 1930.

Sister Mary Joseph was known for her great simplicity and ready smile. The expression of her smile was noticed by many, even after her death.

Having done humble work in many houses of the Community, Sister utilized every situation, in which she found herself, to bring souls to Christ and assistance to the poor. One of her most outstanding apostolates was that of interesting young men in the Priesthood and Brotherhood. As soon as her death became known, her brother, Monsignor Mario Ponsiglione, heard from a number of Priests and Brothers, who informed him that Sister was instrumental in their starting on the road toward their vocations.

Sister's mortal remains were brought to Providence Rest, where the Office of the Dead was repeatedly chanted by the Sisters, Novices and Postulants. The evening before the funeral, there was a beautiful and memorable bible vigil, conducted by Rev. Sabbas Kilian, O.F.M., of Fordham University.

On the morning of September 20, a guard of honor of Sisters and children awaited the arrival of the funeral cortege at St. Theresa's Church. As the remains were carried into the church, the Sisters recited the De Profundis and inside the church, they chanted the Office of the Dead. Monsignor Mario Ponsiglione was celebrant at the Mass; her newhew, Father Attilio Ponsi was sub-deacon; her niece, Sister Marie de Lourdes, C.S.J. and Sister Biagina, C.S.J.B. were in the offertory procession. The Mass was sung by the Novices and Postulants.

A number of Monsignori, Priests, Sisters and children formed a guard of honor for the recessional. About fifteen cars then proceeded to Gladstone, New Jersey, for the interment. After the graveside ceremony, led by Monsignor Ponsiglione, we bid her farewell.

Sister will be remembered for her zeal for souls and for her simplicity and humility.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!