

SISTER MARY MAGDALENE DI CECCO

(April 3, 1918 - January 24, 1984)

Sr. Mary Magdalene was born in Newark and moved to Staten Island in 1934 to enter the junior postulant program at St. John Villa Academy.

After graduating from high school in 1936 as a member of St. John Villa's first graduating class, Sr. Mary Magdalene formally entered the Congregation and received her final vows in 1943.

Sr. Mary Magdalene studied at Fordham University, received a bachelor of arts degree in education and began teaching elementary school. Between 1938 and 1966, Sister taught at a number of our Congregations's schools in New York and New Jersey besides serving as a missionary in Chile from 1944 to 1950.

Since 1966, Sr. Mary Magdalene had been residing at St. John Villa, Staten Island, where she served for a brief period as academy bursar and taught in the high school's business department until the time of her death.

During Sister's later years, she was most dedicated and concerned about the Community's Legion of Prayer, of which she was the coordinator. Sr. Mary Magdalene wrote a quarterly newsletter with inspirational and seasonal notes and handled all of the correspondence for the more than four hundred members of this spiritual affiliation among the sisters, their families, and associates.

Sr. Mary Magdalene died on January 24th at Staten Island Hospital, after having suffered a massive heart attack. Sister died a peaceful death after having received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!