

SISTER ROSE SCHIFANO (March 11, 1910 November 27, 1989)

Sister Rose was born in Mussomeli, Italy on March 11, 1910. Sister Rose, christened Mary Virginia, immigrated to the U.S. when she was ten years of age. Responding to God's call, Sr. Rose entered the community on January 20, 1935 at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, New York. On September 8, 1936 Sister Rose professed her first vows.

Beginning her teaching apostolate in 1936, at Mt. St. John Academy, Gladstone, Sister Rose taught more than fifty years in many of the community and parish houses of the Congregation located in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Canada as well as the missions in Africa. In October, 1945, a parish house known as St. Lucy's, located in Mahonington, Pennsylvania was opened for the purpose of census taking, and catechetical instructions. Sr. Rose, as superior, and two other Sisters, remained in Pennsylvania until July, 1948 when we withdrew from the parish. From 1948 to 1963, a total of fifteen years, Sr. Rose served in Solwezi and Chingola, Africa. Upon her return to the U.S. in 1963, Sr. Rose was assigned to do parish work at Most Precious Blood, Brooklyn, N.Y. and then to various houses to resume her teaching apostolate at All Souls Day Nursery, Canada, St. Roch, Greenwich, Connecticut and St. Dominic, Bronx, New York. Her last assignment was at St. Lucy's, Newark, New Jersey where she served for seventeen years. On June 28, 1988, Sister Rose retired to Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, New York.

Sr. Rose earned a BS Degree in Education from Seton Hall University in 1965.

On November 11, 1989, Sr. Rose had a heart attack and was rushed to St. Agnes Hospital. While at the hospital Sister eventually slipped into a coma and passed to her eternal reward on November 27, 1989.

Sr. Rose was a loving and dedicated teacher and always ready to assist wherever possible. She continued to serve the local community at Mt. St. John Convent, by her daily presence at prayer and the little chores in the house. She will always be remembered for her gentleness and sweet smile whenever a kindness was performed for her.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!