

**SR. SALVATRICE MARCELLINO, C.S.JB.**  
**July 26, 1910 – September 22, 2005**

Sr. Salvatrice Marcellino was born in Washington, DC to Vincent Marcellino and Salvatrice Scaletta.

On June 11, 1930, Sister entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. John the Baptist and made her first profession of vows on March 29, 1932. Sr. Salvatrice began her life of dedication and loving service to God at St. Lucy Convent, in Newark, New Jersey, where she taught in the elementary school. After 15 years at St. Lucy's, the Lord then called Sister to St. James Convent in New York City, where she was appointed Superior of St. James Convent and continued her ministry of teaching God's little ones.

From 1952 to 1959, the Lord had even greater plans in mind for Sr. Salvatrice when He called her to serve on the missions in Zambia, Africa. The years following Sister's return from Africa were dedicated to the service of God's people at St. Vincent De Paul School in Stirling, New Jersey, and St. Dominic School in Bronx, New York, where Sister was both principal of the school and superior of the convent; and St. John Villa Academy where Sister was principal of both the elementary school and high school.

Sr. Salvatrice once again responded very generously to God's call to missionary life in Chile from 1964 – 1969 and in Africa from 1969 – 1984. When Sister returned to the United States in 1984, she was assigned to St. John Villa Academy to teach in the high school until her retirement in 1998. On April 1, 2001, Sister became a resident of our retirement home at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, New York.

How can one capture the spirit and soul of Sr. Salvatrice! Sister truly was a beautiful reflection of Christ's gentle and loving heart; her smile radiated the kindness and goodness that were so characteristic of her. As a Sister of St. John the Baptist, her life of deep prayer and heartfelt dedication to God was the motivating force behind her every word and action. In all the ministries of her life...as teacher, principal, Superior, missionary, formation directress and Regional Superior in Africa...Sister always responded to others with a love that radiated from her love of the Lord.

On September 22, 2005, at the age of 95, and after having spent 74 years in religious life, Sr. Salvatrice was united with her Divine Spouse for all eternity. During those final days of her beautiful life, Sister would always greet those who visited her with a warm smile and loving embrace...it seemed she wished to reach out and touch and embrace each of us with one final and loving good-bye.

*“May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.”*