

SISTER SERAFINA CAPONE

(July 22, 1895 - September 24, 1983)

At Morristown, New Jersey, Sr. Serafina Capone passed to her eternal reward on September 24, 1983.

Sr. Serafina Capone, christened Raefaella, was born on July 22, 1895 in Avellino, Italy. Shortly after her first profession, in 1921, Sister left her native land for the United States and was first assigned to St. Lucy's Convent, Newark where she served as a cook. From 1926-1932 Sr. Serafina worked with the aged in Providence Rest. She spent the remainder of her religious life faithfully serving in the humble task of begging of alms. The last forty-four years of her life were spent in Gladstone, New Jersey.

Sr. Serafina's life could be described as a life of deep prayer of utter simplicity and loving obedience to the will of God as it was manifested through her superiors. No matter who the superior was she respected her as one who carried the will of God for her. The service she rendered took her out of community life yet she was deeply attached to the good and the welfare of the Community. In the last months and weeks of her life, she exhibited a joyful spirit in accepting God's will in her sufferings. Her conversations were marked with humor and stories from the lives of the saints. Many times she would burst out into songs of love and praise especially to the Blessed Mother. Once she sang, "How beautiful it is to suffer with love." She was ever mindful that she was being a burden to the Community and often apologized for being sick. Sr. Serafina was deeply appreciative and grateful for every kindness shown to her, that many times she would bless those around her. The Sisters never heard her complain at any time both in her apostolate of begging of alms or in her sufferings. In her final days, her constant prayer was for the Lord to take her to Himself. Her prayer was answered on September 24, 1983 at 10:23 a.m.

"May She Rest in Peace"