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Sister Mary Palance, MPF

Sr. Mary Palance, MPF, a member of the Religious Teacher Filippini, died in the early morning, Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at Saint Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, at the age of 95.

The visitation for Sr. Mary will be in the Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, on Monday, November 20, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 4:00 p.m. The celebrant and homilist is the Most Rev. Daniel Cronin, Archbishop Emeritus of Hartford, CT. Interment will take place at Ave Maria Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Doyle Funeral Home, Morristown, NJ.

Sr. Mary was born and raised in Bristol, Connecticut. She entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1939, received her habit in 1940, and made her religious profession in 1943. She was a member of the community for 77 years. Sr. Mary was awarded a BS degree in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ, and held an MA in Elementary Education Administration from Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.

Sr. Mary taught in the following schools: St. Joseph, Hammonton, NJ; Assumption School Bayonne, NJ; St. James School, Trenton, NJ; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Meriden, CT; Holy Redeemer School Cleveland; St. Ann School, York, NY. And was the principal at St. Mary School, Cranston, RI, and St. Anthony School, Bristol, CT.

In addition, she served as Superior of St. Mary Convent, Cranston, RI; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Convent, Meriden, CT; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Bristol, RI and at Our Lady of the Eucharist, West Hartford, CT.

Sr. Mary assumed many administrative positions in the Institute. She was assistant directress for novices, provincial superior for six years in Queen of Apostles Province, Bristol, CT; provincial councilor for two terms; and general councilor for the Institute, at the Generalate level in Rome for six years.

In 1996, Sr. Mary became director of the Archbishop Cronin's Residence in West Hartford, CT, and remained there until 2015 when she retired to St. Joseph Hall in Morristown, NJ.

Sr. Mary's greatest asset was her willingness to serve in any capacity that fulfilled the mission of the Community. The legacy she leaves behind is her spirit of joy, generosity and service.

Sr. Mary is pre-deceased by her parents, the late Francisco Palance and Rosina (Perone) Palance; brothers: Philip, Donato, Anthony, Michael, and sisters Louise, Lucy, Josephine, Sr. Grace Palance, MPF and Theresa. She is survived by James (of Bristol, CT) and Matthew (of Henderson, Nevada) and many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sr. Mary Palance may be sent to St. Joseph Hall, c/o Sr. Ascenza Tizzano, MPF, Provincial Superior, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.