



## Born to New Life

### Sister Anne Amato, MPF



Sister Anne Amato, MPF, 96, died peacefully on Sunday, August 16, 2020, in St. Joseph Hall at Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey.

Born in Reggio, Calabria, Italy in 1923, Sister Anne immigrated to the United States in 1938. She entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1940, received the habit in 1941, and made her religious profession in 1944.

Sister Anne received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. In her educational ministry, Sister Anne taught most levels of elementary school in New Jersey and New York. Sister Anne completed a successful term as principal and several fruitful terms as local superior.

As an outstanding educator, Sister Anne had a strong desire for ongoing professional development. She traveled to Mexico to study the Spanish language and culture. She availed herself of annual academic conferences and studied the synoptic Gospels at Dunwoodie Seminary in New York for several years. Even in her years of retirement, Sister Anne continued to serve as a classroom aide on a part time basis.

Following more than six decades of active evangelization, Sister Anne's journey eventually led her to Villa Walsh, Motherhouse, where she spent many happy years in residence. Reading, sewing, and attending all community functions, Sister Anne continued to find comfort and peace in her strong faith.

In a letter of condolences to the province, Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, recalled the positive impact Sister Anne had made on those to whom she ministered: *"Although Sister Anne's health has been challenging these recent years and her passing could be regarded as a blessing for her sake, my heart remains saddened to lose this Sister who has given so many years of faithful service to the community. Wherever she was sent to minister, she was loved by the people she served and was not easily forgotten. Through her goodness and witness, the community was blessed with vocations..."*

Longtime friend and sisterly companion, Sister Anne Louise Abascal, who in her tribute, recalled the powerful lived example of Sister Anne, *"Because she was a very generous person, kind and soft-spoken, I learned to be patient and kind-hearted. Though she was strict as a principal, she was always fair-minded; from this I learned temperance."*

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Anne was held in St. Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Following the Liturgy, the burial took place at Villa Walsh's Ave Maria Cemetery. May Sister Anne receive the reward of eternal life for her goodness, gentle spirit and fidelity to the Lord.

Donations may be made to the St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, c/o Sr. Patricia Pompa, MPF, Provincial Superior, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.