



Born to New Life

Sister Gloria Barone, MPF



Sister Gloria Barone, MPF, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey. She was 84.

Born into a loving family in Jersey City, New Jersey, on May 28, 1938, Sister Gloria entered the Community in 1953, received the habit in 1954 and made her Perptual Oblation in 1957. She earned her BS in Elementary Education from St. Joseph

University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and her MA in Secondary Education from Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Sister Gloria was dedicated to mission wherever God's call took her. During her 68 years of religious life, she ministered in the (arch)dioceses of Camden, Metuchen, Newark, Scranton, and Trenton, as a classroom teacher in both elementary and secondary schools. At the high school level, she taught French and Mathematics. In time, Sister Gloria also served as Vice-Principal at schools at both educational levels. In her later years of ministry, she served as Administrator of a residence for at-risk children awaiting placement in foster care. During this period, Sister Gloria engaged in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). In 2018, due to failing health, Sister Gloria retired to St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey.

Father Jeffrey Lee offered a Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Gloria at St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh on Friday, May 19, 2023. Her remains were then laid to rest in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh. In his homily Father Lee shared: *"So we are here today in this place and we are praying. What are we praying for? We are praying, for God's joy and grace, recognizing the sacrifices that have been made, the choices of right over wrong, good over evil, the various and many random acts of kindness and sacrifice that are made for other people, things that no one really knows, not even one's closest friends. But this Mass of Christian Burial is not just about the past, or even about Sister Gloria; it's about us. Those of us who remain have been entrusted with the task to carry on. ... We pray that pray that this God who sustained Sister Gloria throughout her life with her family, and she was very devoted to her family, will also sustain each of us."*

In her eulogy, Sister Laura Longo, who worked closely with Sister Gloria for many years, offered, *"Sister Gloria was born the last of five girls into a faith-filled, loving family. Both parents worked; therefore, baby Gloria was cared for by the Religious Teachers Filippini who staffed the day nursery in Holy Rosary, Jersey City. The Sisters always returned Gloria to her mother looking as adorable as when she arrived at the nursery. Gloria followed in the footsteps of her sisters who were all enrolled in Holy Rosary School. She graduated eighth grade as Valedictorian. After two years of high school... she was granted permission by her parents to enter the Religious Teachers Filippini. ... Having known Sister Gloria for more than 40 years, I can say that what was truly outstanding about her was the compassion she had for everyone and anyone at any time. People sought her listening ear and understanding heart. Her life of prayer was so important to her, and she remembered in prayer those to whom she ministered."*

Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, in her letter of sympathy to the Sisters of the Province wrote, *"God blessed Sister Gloria with so many practical and intellectual talents and skills. Through her many years in active ministry, she utilized these gifts freely, creatively, and generously, yet never sought the glare of public attention. Sister Gloria's paths in diverse ministries allowed her to touch all age levels: children teenagers, and adults for more than sixty years. ... One unexpected part of Sister Gloria's personality, surprisingly, was her joy to share humor. Those of you who know her well, also know this side of her. I recall that even at her Golden Jubilee celebration, at the conclusion of her sentiments of appreciation, she entertained her guests in this way and sent them away smiling. ... Sister Gloria's life well-lived, her suffering behind her, is welcomed now to the banquet of the Lord. She gave her total life in loving service to her Divine Spouse. 'Come, and*

receive the crown that has been prepared for you from all eternity.' Sister Gloria now rests in peace. This leaves us smiling!"