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Sister Margherita Marchione, MPF

Sr. Margherita Marchione, MPF, died peacefully at the age of 99 on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, in St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ. A private Funeral Mass will be livestreamed from St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, on Monday, May 24, 2021. (see website)

Born in Little Ferry, NJ, Sr. Margherita entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1935. She received the habit in 1938, and made her religious profession in 1941. After receiving a BA degree from Georgian Court College, Sr. Margherita continued her studies in Italian at Columbia Univ., NY, earning an MA and PhD. She received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Ramapo College and the "Michael Award" from the NJ Literary Hall of Fame. She was a trustee of Opera at Florham and Bayley-Ellard HS, and a member of the NJ Catholic Historical Records Commission. Sr. Margherita was a Fulbright scholar and the recipient of countless national and international honors and awards for her literary and historical accomplishments and for her outstanding contributions to higher education and Italian culture. Sr. Margherita served as President of Walsh College for 6 years and as President of Corfinio College for 10 years. Sr. Margherita is included in the *Congressional Record* and in biographical references such as *Dictionary of American Scholars*, *Contemporary Authors*, *World Who's Who of Women*, and *Past and Promise: Lives of NJ Women*. Besides lecturing here and abroad, Sr. Margherita made numerous radio and television appearances.

As professor of Italian Language and Literature at Fairleigh Dickenson Univ. in Madison, NJ, for 20 years, Sr. Margherita authored numerous books on Philip Mazzei which have been donated to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello along with materials and artifacts. These works reveal quite clearly and colorfully the full import of the mostly unknown and neglected Italian Founding Father of America, as well as the Italian influence on the US Constitution.

Sr. Margherita's great devotion to the Holy See and, in particular, to Pope Pius XII's sanctity and fidelity to the office entrusted to him, made her eminently worthy of multiple articles in *Inside the Vatican*, and the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross, awarded by Pope St. John Paul II. Sr. Margherita's collection of research papers, books and artifacts of Pius XII has been placed in the special collections room in the Msgr. James C. Turro Seminary Library in Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall Univ., S. Orange, NJ.

For over 82 years Sr. Margherita was a devoted member of the Religious Teachers Filippini, where she was highly respected for her valued contributions and devotion to the Institute. Her zealous commitment as a true daughter of St. Lucy Filippini made her a dynamic leader as she served as Treasurer, Delegate to Provincial and General Chapters, Councilor, and author of numerous community documents and histories. Sr. Margherita received the Religious Teachers Filippini Humanitarian Award as a gesture of esteem and deep appreciation.

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.