



Born to New Life



Sister Henrietta Aprile, MPF

Sister Henrietta Aprile, MPF, 87, died peacefully on Friday, April 3, 2020, in the St. Joseph Hall Infirmary at Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1932, Sister Henrietta entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1954. She received the habit in 1955 and made her religious profession in 1958.

Sister Henrietta received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Philosophy from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and a Master of Arts in Business Education from Marywood College in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Sister Henrietta was proud to hold permanent certifications as Teacher of General Business Studies, Teacher of Typewriting, and Catechist. She was faithful to ongoing formation in the religious education program.

As an outstanding educator, Sister Henrietta taught in the New Jersey elementary and secondary schools of St Bartholomew, Scotch Plains; St. Anthony, Belleville; St. Joseph, Hammonton; St. Anthony, Union City; Our Lady of Libera, West New York; and Holy Rosary, Jersey City. In other schools she served as Administrative Aide and School Secretary. While studying in Washington she was also secretary to the Apostolic Delegation. In addition to these prestigious apostolates, Sister Henrietta served the community as delegate and secretary to four General Chapters in Rome.

Following her years of active ministry in education, Sister Henrietta served the community in Villa Walsh, Motherhouse, for 2 years as assistant to the Bursar before retiring to St. Joseph Hall Infirmary in 2008. Even in her retirement, she continued to offer her assistance in the insurance office.

In a letter explaining why she wanted to become a Religious Teacher Filippini, Sister Henrietta wrote: *"I wish to dedicate my entire, unworthy self to His service. I wish to labor for His honor and glory, for the salvation of souls, and, lastly, for my own personal sanctification. I have had this desire to serve the Lord for a long period of time. I believe, with God's grace, I may fulfill my very small part in His Divine Plan by serving Him in the community."*

Sister Henrietta gave this reflection after celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the *Constitutions and Rules* in 2017: *"St. Lucy was determined to bring many souls to God. This is what I have tried to do in my own religious life. She loved the Blessed Sacrament with her whole heart. This I have tried to make an integral part of my religious life."*

*Community life is very dear to me. I treasure it and consider it very precious. I love my
Filippini Sisters in Christ."*