



Born to New Life



Sister Genevieve Corallo, MPF

On Monday, March 27, 2023, at St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey, Sister Genevieve Corallo, MPF, 91, died peacefully.

Born in Modica, Sicily, Italy on August 5, 1931, Sister Genevieve came to the United States in 1947, with her mother, sister, and brother. Ten years earlier, her father had arrived in the United States. Settling in Jersey City, New Jersey, Sister Genevieve attended Holy Rosary School where later that year, she entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in Morristown, New Jersey. She received the habit in 1949, and made her Religious Profession in 1952. Sister Genevieve studied Elementary Education and earned an AA degree from Villa Walsh College in Morristown, New Jersey.

Faithfully and generously, Sister Genevieve served the people of God wherever ministry took her: the classroom, the nursery, and parish ministry. She also served the Community as a local Superior. In her 73 years of religious life, Sister Genevieve was missioned to the (arch)dioceses of Cleveland, Newark, New York, Paterson, Scranton, and Trenton. In 2019, due to declining health, Sister Genevieve retired to St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh.

Sister Genevieve was one of three children born to Pietro and Grazietta (Cavallo) Corallo. She is predeceased by her parents and brother, Orazio. She is survived by her sister Yolanda Cultrera and a loving extended family.

Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, in her letter of sympathy to the Sisters of the Province shared, *“The legacy Sister Genevieve leaves behind is one of a holy and humble presence. Wherever assigned, she never demanded or wanted more. She lived her life simply and happily and won the affection of the people she served. Although not fluent in the English language, her kindness, sense of duty, hard work ethic, and expression of appreciation for our help, compensated for any deficiency in communicating. Her goodness spoke louder than her words. ... I especially recall her many years ministering in the Nursery in Immaculate Heart in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Three Sisters, Sister Genevieve one of the three, worked vigorously and sacrificed in many ways. They lived among the people in a modest neighborhood setting. The people in the neighborhood would remark how safely they felt when they saw the lighted chapel in the early morning and late evening of this small praying community. The Sisters, dedicated, conscientious and sacrificial, were always present and joy-filled. It was not uncommon for them to have a child as a guest at their breakfast or supper table accommodating a parent’s working schedule. ... Today, Sister Genevieve is invited to the banquet table of the Lord. True to form, she will assume a humble, last place at the table, but Jesus, true to form, the Host of the banquet enters and honors her in the presence of all who are at this table. ... May we all be inspired by the goodness and simplicity of Sister Genevieve’s life.”*

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Genevieve was held in Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh on Friday, March 31, 2023. In his homily, the Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop Emeritus of Paterson, New Jersey, aptly told the story of a teacher who never knew all the good he did in life. Bishop continued, *“No teacher ever does. Today as we bid our farewell to Sister Genevieve, we can be sure that she never realized all the good she did as a Religious Teacher Filippini. ... But Jesus did. And, we pray that Jesus who died for our sins and was raised for our justification now looks on the good she did, the faith she kept, the love she shared and welcome her to our true home in heaven.”*

Sister Genevieve’s body was laid to rest in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.