



## Born to New Life

### Sister Gloria Doria, MPF



Sister Gloria Doria, MPF, died suddenly, though peacefully, at the age of 92 on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at Ocean University Medical Center, Brick, New Jersey.

Born in New York City, New York, to Joseph and Mary Doria, Sister Gloria was raised in Bayonne, New Jersey, in a loving and faith-filled family. She entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1948, received the habit in 1949, and made her religious profession in 1952. Sister Gloria earned a BS and MS in Secondary Education from St. John University, Jamaica, New York.

In her 74 years of religious life, Sister Gloria ministered as classroom teacher, Vice-Principal, and Principal. She served in the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of Newark. Sister Gloria was appointed by the Community to serve as local Superior in the following New Jersey convents: St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge; St. Anthony, Union City; Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood; Our Lady of the Assumption, Bayonne; St. Francis Xavier, Newark; and Holy Family, Nutley. At the time of her passing, Sister Gloria ministered as a receptionist at St. Anthony Church, Belleville. The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Gloria was held in Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh on Tuesday, August 14, 2023.

Sister Gloria is survived by her sister, Sister Beatrice Doria, MPF, her brother Joseph, her sister-in-law Maribeth, her niece Margaret, and extended family. Sister Gloria was laid to rest in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.

In his homily, Reverend Father Ranulfo D. Docabo, Pastor of St. Anthony Church, in Belleville, shared: *“When I learned of the sudden death of our beloved Sister Gloria, like many of you, I was deeply saddened and shocked. She was just with us in our parish office, chatting and smiling with us. ... When we look at the life of Sister Gloria, we see that she lived a fruitful life of ministry for 74 years! For one to bear fruit for God we need to be infinitely connected to Jesus and obedient to His commands, because everything comes to us through Jesus. Sister Gloria was a woman of faith whose love for the Lord was evidenced by how she lived her consecrated life.*

Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, in her letter of sympathy to the Sisters of the Province offered: *“Scanning Sister Gloria’s profile, one can immediately see the good that she accomplished in her long life. ... In addition to her apostolate, from her very early years in mission, Sister Gloria was recurrently assigned the position of local Superior, which verified her ability to govern kindly and humbly, with affection and concern for the Sisters in her care. The key to Sister Gloria’s achievement was her ability to listen attentively and to treat others respectfully...How appropriate that you gather today on this vigil of the Feast of the Assumption to lay Sister Gloria to rest: The Assumption of Mary emerged so often in her life. In fourth grade, she was enrolled in Assumption School. It was at Assumption School where she was first introduced to the Filippini Sisters. No doubt, the impact of her education at Assumption School remained with her, and the seed of her vocation lay dormant until after high school she courageously stepped forward and fulfilled her desire to become a Filippini Sister. ... Sister Gloria, may Our Lady of the Assumption, who trailed so much a part of your life, introduce you to the glory of God’s kingdom, and we pray that this heavenly experience brings you great joy and eternal rest.*