

*Sr. Christine Libonati, ASCJ*



Sister Christine Libonati was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 2, 1917. Sr. Christine entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on July 26, 1937, in New Haven, Connecticut; entered the novitiate on March 1, 1938; professed First Vows in New Haven on August 24, 1940; and professed Final Vows on August 15, 1946, in St. Louis, Missouri. Sr. Christine died peacefully Wednesday morning, November 15, 2006, at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut.

Sr. Christine spent most of her active ministry as a teacher sharing knowledge and concern for the poor with students in New York, Illinois, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. In 1983 she became active in Pastoral Ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Kimmswick, Missouri, where she eventually established the St. Joseph Helping Hands Pantry which she managed until her retirement to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden in March of 1996. Even in her retirement, Sister kept busy crafting items for sale at the Manor's annual Holly Berry Festival to benefit the sisters' retirement fund. When she was no longer able to work with her hands, Sr. Christine continued her service as an Apostle Adorer, praying for the needs of her Congregation and the ministries entrusted to its members