

*Sr. Joanne Pastori, ASCJ*



Sr. Joanne Pastori died peacefully at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, CT at 8:05 Sunday morning, June 28, 2009, just as the Sisters were beginning morning prayer in Chapel. Born in Milan, Italy, the daughter of Angelo and Giovannina (Garavaglia) Pastori, Sr. Joanne was raised in St. Louis, MO where she, her younger brother, and her parents became United States citizens in 1922. She entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart (then known as Apostolic Sisters of the Sacred Heart) on August 18, 1932. She professed her first vows on August 23, 1934, and her perpetual vows on August 24, 1939, both in New Haven, CT.

Sr. Joanne spent her more than seventy rich and memorable years of teaching and/or serving as principal in Connecticut (St. Anthony School and St. Donato Parish in New Haven; Blessed Sacrament School in Hamden), New York (Our Lady of Pompeii and St. Joseph Schools in Manhattan; Santa Maria and Sacred Heart Private Schools in the Bronx), Pennsylvania (Mother of Good Counsel School in Pittsburgh; St. Anthony Village in Oakmont; St. Vitus School in New Castle; St. Michael in Butler); and California (St. Charles Borromeo School in Sacramento). From 1980 until her retirement in 2006, Sister assisted at the Clelian Adult Day Center in Hamden, CT. For the past three years, she has been an Apostle Adorer, praying for her Sisters, her family and friends, and the ministries of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sr. Joanne was a brilliant and caring woman, beloved of her Sisters in community, her students, and those with whom she ministered. Her eye for beauty so well expressed in her photography and her love of words captured in her voracious reading and beautiful writing were gifts she generously shared throughout her life. Having served on the Provincial Council from 1968-1978, Sr. Joanne was ever an insightful woman of wisdom for her Community and her Congregation. Predeceased by her parents and her brother Louis, she is survived by her loving nephew John (Nancy) Pastori of House Springs, MO, her niece Lois (John) Rood and nephew Paul Pastori of St. Louis, MO, and her cousin Martina Garavaglia of Inveruno, Milano, Italy.