

*Sr. Cecilia Adorni, ASCJ*



Sr. Maria Cecilia Adorni, ASCJ, died peacefully December 18, 2011 at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden. Born in Rochester, NY February 25, 1908 to the late Bartolomeo and Teresina Torti Adorni, Sr. Cecilia entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus May 15, 1925 in New Haven, professed her first vows in New Haven July 8, 1928 and her perpetual vows in New Haven August 22, 1933.

In serving for the past 83 years of her religious life, Sr. Cecilia shared the love of the Heart of Jesus with school children, senior citizens, those with whom she served in ministry and among her own sisters in community. Sr. Cecilia loved her Lord and lived out her vocation as an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with much joy and inspiration, bringing love and happiness into the lives of everyone who was a part of her daily ministry and community life. Throughout her religious life, Sr. Cecilia served in education at schools in New York (Our Lady of Pompeii, Sacred Heart Private, St. Joseph), Pennsylvania (St. Rita, Connellsville; St. Vitus, New Castle; Mother of Good Counsel, Pittsburgh) and Missouri (Our Lady Help of Christians). Sr. Cecilia also ministered in parishes in Connecticut (St. Donato) and Florida (Pinellas Park). Sr. Cecilia served several of her community assignments as the local superior and principal of the school. She was a Councillor on the Provincial Council from 1961-1968.

Sr. Cecilia retired to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut in 1988 where she was a loving, caring, joyful presence to the clients at the Clelian Center as well as to her sisters in community. Sr. Cecilia was a true Apostle Adorer who treasured her hours in Chapel confidently bringing before her Lord the needs and intentions of her Sisters, her family, her friends, and the ministries of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sr. Cecilia graduated from St. Dominic High School, Blauvelt, NY and from Mount Mercy College (Carlow College), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Sr. Cecilia was very devoted to her extended family and they also were very lovingly supportive of her. Predeceased by her parents, her brother, John, and her sisters, Margaret Richitelli and Lena Parente, Sr. Cecilia is survived by her beloved nieces, Theresa (Dave) Ornato of Hamden, CT and Florida and Pauline DiGioia of Branford, CT, and great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews and many beloved Sister Apostles, her religious family.