

*Sr. Aloysius Como, ASCJ*



Sr. Maria Aloysius Como, ASCJ died peacefully September 16, 2011 at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, CT. She was born in McKeesport, PA September 11, 1923 to the late Joseph and Philomena Chiaverini Como. She entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus December 31, 1940 in New Haven, professed her first vows August 23, 1943 and her perpetual vows August 23, 1949. Sr. Aloysius began her more than 60 years of rich and memorable ministries in caring for the orphans at St. Anthony's Home in New Haven, Connecticut. Sr. Aloysius served in education as a teacher in elementary schools in New York and at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Connecticut. Sr. Aloysius was a beloved member of the faculty at Sacred Heart Academy and an inspiring example to the students by her faith-filled witness of the love and joy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sr. Aloysius continued her ministry in education serving in administration as founding principal at Reverend Daniel J. Barry Junior High School (formerly Blessed Sacrament Junior High School), Hamden, Connecticut. Sr. Aloysius also was the principal of elementary schools in Florida, New York and California. Recognized for her gift of leadership and inspiring example, Sr. Aloysius served in many of her local community assignments as the superior, including superior of Sacred Heart Manor. In the later years of her ministry, Sr. Aloysius ministered at Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children, Greensburg, Pennsylvania where she shared God's special love for the physically and mentally challenged children and young adults. She retired to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut in 2009 where she was a loving, caring presence to and for the sisters assisting them in any way that she could. Sr. Aloysius earned a Bachelor of Science degree in French from Fordham University, New York, New York and a Masters Degree in French from Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut, including one year of study at McGill University in Canada. Sr. Aloysius was an ever-faithful Apostle Adorer 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.

Predeceased by her parents, her brothers, Guy, John, and William and her sister, Victoria, Sr. Aloysius leaves behind her loving sisters, Sr. Clotilde Como, ASCJ, Tillie Gricar of McKeesport, PA, her loving nephew, Joseph Gricar, a grandniece, a grandnephew and great grandnieces, all of McKeesport, PA and many beloved Sister Apostles, her religious family.