

*Sr. Maria DalZovo, ASCJ*



Sr. Maria DalZovo died peacefully on October 17, 2011. She was born on May 11, 1908 to Domenico and Erminia (Gecchele) DalZovo. Sr. Maria entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus September 12, 1928 in Alessandria, Italy, professed first vows May 3, 1930 and professed perpetual vows in New Haven, Connecticut on August 26, 1937.

Throughout her 81 years as an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sr. Maria shared the love of the Sacred Heart with all those to whom she ministered, especially the little children. Sr. Maria came to the United States as a missionary in 1930 and became a naturalized citizen in 1944. She cared for the orphans at St. Anthony's Home, New Haven, Connecticut and at St. Anthony's Village, Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Sr. Maria taught in elementary schools in New York (St. Joseph, Our Lady of Pompeii and Santa Maria) and Pennsylvania (St. Vitus) and at the Sacred Heart Manor Nursery and Kindergarten. Other ministries included parish work at St. Donato Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, nursing care for the sick and elder religious at Mount Sacred Heart prior to the construction of Sacred Heart Manor, and generous service in the kitchen for many years. She retired to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut in 1988 where she was a loving, caring presence to and for the sisters. Former students and their parents lovingly remembered Sister and faithfully came to visit her year after year. Sr. Maria 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.

Predeceased by her parents, her brother, Joseph, and her sisters, Giudita DalZovo and Giuseppina Felzani, Sr. Maria is survived by her beloved nephew, Cesare Perazzolo of Torino, Italy and many beloved Sister Apostles, her religious family.