

*Sr. Dorothea Dottario, ASCJ*



Sr. M. Dorothea Dottario, ASCJ of Hamden died peacefully March 25, 2012 at Sacred Heart Manor. She was born in New Britain, CT May 4, 1915 to the late Michael and Madeline Marcelli Dottario. Sr. Dorothea entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus August 24, 1934 in New Haven, professed first vows in New Haven August 24, 1938 and professed perpetual vows in New Haven, August 24, 1943. Sr. Dorothea loved her Lord and lived out her vocation as an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with much joy and inspiration. Her effusive, happy nature rooted in the love of the Sacred Heart brought that love and happiness into the lives of everyone who was a part of her daily ministry and community life. Throughout her 73 years of religious life, Sr. Dorothea served in education at schools in Connecticut (St. Michael and St. Anthony in New Haven), New York, Pennsylvania, and Missouri. Sister also briefly ministered in social work at St. Anne's Parish, Hamden, Connecticut. Sr. Dorothea retired to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden in 2001 where she was a loving, caring, joyful presence to her sisters in community as well as to the clients at the Clelian Adult Day Center. Sr. Dorothea 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.

She was predeceased by her parents, her brother, Anthony, and her sisters, Theresa, Florence Gibilisco and Margaret Truncale. Sr. Dorothea is survived by her beloved sister, Lena Albanese of Cromwell, CT and many beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and Sister Apostles, her religious family.