

*Sr. Laurentine LaGrutta, ASCJ*



Sr. Laurentine LaGrutta, ASCJ, of Hamden died January 17, 2014. Sr. Laurentine was born in Pittsburgh, PA on September 22, 1923, daughter of the late Anthony and Maria Petrocelli LaGrutta. She entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on December 31, 1940, professed her first vows in New Haven, CT on August 24, 1943, and her perpetual vows in New Haven on August 23, 1949.

Sr. Laurentine began her ministry in education, teaching at St. Joseph School in New York. Thereafter, Sr. Laurentine taught at schools in Connecticut (St. Anthony and St. Donato, New Haven; St. Raphael, Bridgeport; Sacred Heart Manor Nursery and Kindergarten, Hamden), California, Florida, Missouri, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Sr. Laurentine retired to Sacred Heart Manor in 2008 where she continued to minister by providing for the needs of our elderly and ill Apostles with her loving, kind presence and care for them. Throughout her years of active ministry and during her years as an Apostle Adorer, Sr. Laurentine was an inspiring example of the love and joy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sr. Laurentine treasured her students, her family, her Apostle sisters and most importantly her time spent with Jesus in prayer. She confidently brought before her Lord the needs and intentions of all those she loved.

Predeceased by her parents, her sisters Maria LaGrutta, Theresa Ciarlo, and her brother-in-law, Henry Ciarlo, she is survived by her sister, Sr. Electa LaGrutta, ASCJ, loving nephews, Nick (Sharon) Ciarlo of Wallingford, CT, Richard (Valerie) Ciarlo of Shelton, CT, great nieces and great nephews and Sister Apostles, her religious family.