

*Sr. Electa LaGrutta, ASCJ*



Sr. Electa (Josephine) LaGrutta, ASCJ, of Hamden died peacefully May 18, 2015 at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, CT. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA on December 5, 1925 to the late Anthony and Maria (Petrocelli) LaGrutta. She entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus December 31, 1940 in New Haven, professed first vows on August 24, 1943 and perpetual vows on August 23, 1949.

Sr. Electa began her ministry in education teaching at St. Anthony School in New Haven, CT. Thereafter, Sr. Electa taught at schools in California, Illinois, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. Sr. Electa also served in the Department of Education in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL as supervisor of elementary schools and director of primary education. Sr. Electa retired to Sacred Heart Manor in 2006. Throughout her years of active ministry and during her years as an Apostle Adorer, Sr. Electa shared the compassionate love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with everyone, especially those who were most in need. Sr. Electa earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master of Education degree in Administration and Supervision from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Sr. Electa treasured her family, her Apostle sisters, her dear Vietnamese friends, Nhi Duong and Tut, 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 Sr. Laurentine La Grutta, ASCJ, Maria LaGrutta, Theresa Ciarlo, and her brother-in-law, Henry Ciarlo, she is survived by her loving nephews, Nick (Sharon) Ciarlo of Wallingford, CT, and Richard (Valerie) Ciarlo of Shelton, CT, great nieces and great nephews and Sister Apostles, her religious family.