

*Sr. Consilia Mantello, ASCJ*



Sister Consilia Mantello, Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, died peacefully on November 9, 2015, at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut. She was 83 years old and professed 59 years in religious life. Sister Consilia, the daughter of the late Salvatore and Elizabeth Dolcimele Mantello, was born in New York, New York on October 24, 1932. She entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on February 11, 1954, in Hamden, Connecticut. She professed her first vows in Hamden, Connecticut on August 25, 1956 and her perpetual vows on August 25, 1960, in Hamden, Connecticut.

Shortly after her profession of vows, Sr. Consilia began her teaching ministry at Cor Jesu Academy in St. Louis, MO, followed by fourteen years at Sacred Heart Academy and Mount Sacred Heart College in Hamden, CT. At that time Sr. Consilia also served as a Formation Directress for the United States Province, guiding first the aspirants and then the postulants. Sr. Consilia continued her Congregational service working on Pre-Chapter preparations in Rome in 1968. She served as the principal of Blessed Sacrament Junior High School in Hamden from 1975-1977. In 1977, she was named the seventh Provincial Superior of the United States Province and served in that leadership position for 9 years. Upon completion of her term as Provincial Superior, Sr. Consilia was appointed Vice Chancellor for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. In 1992, she began twelve years of ministry in the Diocese of Palm Beach, FL, serving for two years as the administrative assistant to the bishop, becoming the Associate Director of Youth Ministry, and then being appointed Associate Vicar for Religious. In 2004, Sister returned to Mount Sacred Heart Provincialate in Hamden, CT where she served as founding Director of the Caritas Christi Center and as a receptionist. In 2008, Sr. Consilia retired to Sacred Heart Manor, Hamden, CT where she continued translating Congregational documents, a service she had provided for many years. She loved her family very much and treasured her time spent with them, her Apostle sisters and most of all, her time spent in personal prayer with Jesus. She prayed for the needs and intentions of her family and all those who entrusted themselves to her prayers.

Sr. Consilia earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish from St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO and a Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts and Theology from Manhattanville College, Manhattanville, NY.

Predeceased by her parents and her brother, Angelo, she is survived by her brother, Ralph, of Morristown, NJ; her loving nephews, Richard Mantello and his wife, Linda, Dr. Michael Mantello and his wife, Ginny, Bruce Mantello, all of Staten Island, NY; Ralph Mantello and his wife, Meg, of Hawthorne, NJ, and her loving niece Diane Roberts and husband, Craig of Morristown, NJ and several great-nieces and nephews and Sister Apostles, her religious family.