Sr. Leonard Giacolone was born on November 27, 1913 in St. Louis, Missouri. She entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus August 17, 1934 in New Haven, CT; professed first vows on August 26, 1937 and her perpetual vows on August 24, 1943.

Sr. Leonard spent most of her 61 years of active ministry teaching and/or administering in elementary and nursery schools in Connecticut, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Missouri. She had earned a B.A. in Education from the College of St. Teresa (now Avila University) in Kansas City, Missouri, and especially loved working with her little ones producing mini-musicals. In 1997, Sr. Leonard retired to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden.