Sr. Tarcisius Pezzani, ASCJ

Sr. Tarcisius Pezzani, ASCJ died very peacefully on Thursday evening, December 18, 2008, at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, CT. Born in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of the late Louis and Louise (Radici) Pezzani, Sr. Tarcisius entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (then known as the Apostolic Sisters of the Sacred Heart) on August 24, 1933. She professed her first vows on August 17, 1935, and her perpetual vows on August 30, 1941, both in New Haven.

Sr. Tarcisius spent her more than fifty rich and memorable years of active ministry teaching and/or serving as principal at schools in Connecticut (St. Raphael, Bridgeport), New York (Our Lady of Pompeii and St. Joseph), Pennsylvania (St. Michael, Butler; St. Rita, Connellsville), Illinois (St. Charles Borromeo, Melrose Park), and Missouri (Sacred Heart Villa, St. Louis; St. John, Kansas City). Her first 10 years of retirement were spent as receptionist at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden where she also assisted as an aide at the Sacred Heart Manor Nursery and Kindergarten, and her final ten years were dedicated to full-time prayer for her Sisters, their ministries, and all those in need. Sr. Tarcisius was a kind and gentle woman, beloved by her Sisters, the children she taught, and those with whom she ministered. She is survived by her niece, Dorothy Cattini of St. Louis, MO.