

*Sr. Claudia Ann Troia, ASCJ*



Sr. Claudia Ann Troia died peacefully at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, CT on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, having just watched the televised Mass in honor of St. John the Baptist. Born in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of the late Vincent and Rosalia (Briguglio) Troia, Sr. Claudia Ann entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (then known as Apostolic Sisters of the Sacred Heart) on July 16, 1937. She professed her first vows on August 24, 1940, and her perpetual vows on August 24, 1946, both in New Haven.

Sr. Claudia Ann inspired thousands of students in her over fifty years of active ministry teaching and/or serving as principal at schools in Connecticut (St. Michael, New Haven), New York (Sacred Heart Private, St. Joseph), Pennsylvania (Mary Immaculate, Mother of Good Counsel, Regina Coeli), Missouri (Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Ambrose, Sacred Heart Villa), and Florida (St. Patrick). She also performed social ministry at St. Donato Parish in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1993 Sr. Claudia Ann retired to Sacred Heart Manor where she devoted her days to prayer for her Sisters, family and friends, and the works of her sister Apostles. Sr. Claudia Ann was a memorable teacher, a steadfast friend, and an ever-loyal St. Louis Cardinals fan whose prayers surely helped clinch the 2006 World Series. Predeceased by her parents and her sister Mary Ann Schaeffer, she is survived by her cousins Anointette (Toni) Mantia of Ballwin, Missouri and Joseph Troia of Florissant, Missouri as well as her nephew Charles Schaeffer of Belleville, Illinois.