Sr. Alma Tinervia, ASCJ


Sr. Alma was born in San Jose, California on June 11, 1936. She was the daughter of Phillip and Angelina (Misuracca) Tinervia. Sr. Alma entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on August 30, 1953, in New Haven, Connecticut; professed First Vows in Hamden on August 25, 1956; and professed Final Vows on August 25, 1960, in Hamden, Connecticut.

Sr. Alma spent her more than forty rich and memorable years of active ministry teaching in elementary schools in Connecticut (St. Michael and St. Anthony in New Haven; St. Raphael in Bridgeport), Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Missouri, California, Florida, and New York. Sister earned a Bachelor’s Degree in History from Maryville University in St. Louis, Missouri and was a very creative and innovative teacher mentoring many young teachers who were blessed with being missioned with her. Sr. Alma was also an amazing culinary artist who served her community as a dietician/creator of fantastic foods. She retired to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut in 2000 where she became a clerical assistant. For the last several years of her life, Sr. Alma resided at the Sr. Anne Virginie Grimes Center in New Haven, Connecticut where she continued to share her gifted artistic creations of cards and seasonal decorations with family members, friends, and Sisters as well as residents and staff at Grimes. Sr. Alma was an ever-faithful Apostle Adorer bringing before her Lord the needs and intentions of her Sisters, her friends, and the ministries of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Predeceased by her parents, her brothers Angelo, Peter, Vincent, and Salvatore, and her sisters, Nina Giammona and Rosalie Tinervia. Sr. Alma leaves behind her loving sister, Vivian Tinervia, sister in law, Louise Tinervia and her loving nieces and nephews and many beloved Sister Apostles, her religious family. Surely all of her religious sisters who predeceased her were there to greet her at her heavenly homecoming.