

*Sr. Lorraine Bunnell, ASCJ*



As a true loving Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sr. Lorraine Bunnell welcomed everyone with her warm smile and gentle nature. She touched the hearts and lives of so many to whom and with whom she ministered throughout her sixty two years of serving as an Apostle. Her ministry of teaching brought her to St. Michael School, New Haven, CT, St. Raphael School, Bridgeport, CT as well as Catholic elementary schools in California, Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

Sr. Lorraine earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Education from Fordham University, New York, NY. In 1997, Sr. Lorraine received her Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from St. Joseph Seminary and College, Dunwoodie, NY. In 2008, Sr. Lorraine was transferred to Sacred Heart Manor. She spent her time in prayer and visiting the sisters. Sr. Lorraine was a loving and faithful religious. She cared deeply for her family, her sisters, friends and former students. She will be deeply missed.

Predeceased by her parents, she is survived by her sister, Dorothy O'Neil of Hamden, CT, loving nieces, Kathy Radziunas of Northford, CT, Cindy O'Neil of Branford, CT, and Terry Oneto of Wallingford, CT, and her nephew, Richard O'Neil of Waterbury, CT and six great nieces and nephews and Sister Apostles, her religious family. During 61 of her 74 years of active ministry, Sr. Bridget helped shape the lives of countless young children as she taught in Catholic grade schools in Connecticut (St. Michael School, New Haven), Illinois, Missouri, New York, and Pennsylvania. With her bright smile welcoming everyone, Sr. Bridget taught about the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by her humble, generous, caring manner. Sr. Bridget was among a pioneer group of Apostles who cared for the sick and retired sisters at Mount Sacred Heart and Sacred Heart Manor.

Sr. Bridget continued to share that love of the Sacred Heart when she retired to Sacred Heart Manor in 2003 where she remained active assisting others in need as well as participating in the various activities at the Clelian Adult Day Center. She was known for her creative bulletin boards and decorations for various occasions and celebrations. Sr. Bridget received a bachelor's degree in English from Fordham University, Bronx, NY. She also received a Certificate in Montessori Education from the Saint Nicholas Training Centre, London, England. During her years as an Apostle Adorer at Sacred Heart Manor, Sr. Bridget was faithful in her apostolate of praying for her family, her Sister Apostles and all those who entrusted themselves to her prayers. She also was very generous in sharing all that she had. Sr. Bridget had a special dedication to praying for vocations to the congregation and for the sisters in formation.

Predeceased by her parents, her brothers, Salvatore and Dominic, she is survived by her sister Mary Ann and brother, Anthony, loving nieces, nephews and cousins and Sister Apostles, her religious family.