

*Sr. Marcella Polizzi, ASCJ*



Sr. Marcella Polizzi, Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, died peacefully on November 14, 2015, at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut. She was 91 years old and professed 70 years in religious life. Sister Marcella, the daughter of the late Vito and Rosalia Randazzo Polizzi, was born in St. Louis, Missouri on January 11, 1924. She entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on January 4, 1943, in New Haven, Connecticut. She professed her first vows in New Haven, Connecticut on August 23, 1945 and her perpetual vows on August 23, 1951, in New Haven, Connecticut.

In her seventy years as a vowed Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sr. Marcella ministered in Connecticut, California, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, and Missouri primarily as an educator and administrator but also as a dedicated Pastoral Minister. In 1998, Sr. Marcella retired to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Connecticut where she continued to be of service, warmly welcoming visitors, helping to tend to the needs of the sisters and the clients at the Clelian Adult Day Center until her health no longer permitted it. In June of this year, she celebrated her 70th Jubilee with her Sister Apostles, family and friends who gathered at Sacred Heart Manor Chapel. Sr. Marcella earned a Bachelor of Education degree in Social Studies from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts degree in Administration and Supervision from Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut. Sr. Marcella remained a steadfast Apostle Adorer, treasuring her time in prayer with Jesus praying for her dearly beloved family, her Sisters, the ministries of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, her friends and all the Church.

Predeceased by her parents and her brothers, John, Joseph, Dominic and her sisters, Anna Maria, Phyllis, Margaret, Catherine Craig, Rose Marie Mule, she is survived by her brother, Monsignor Salvatore Polizzi, her sister, Patricia Daher, and many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and Sister Apostles, her religious family.