

Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Provincial Superiors

Sr. Adrienne DiLonardo, 1986-1995



A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Sr. Adrienne entered the congregation in 1950, professed her first vows in 1953 and her final vows in 1958. Following over 20 years of service as teacher and administrator in Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania, she became part of the Formation team working with the postulants and novices from 1974-1983. In 1983 Sr. Adrienne moved from forming the youngest members of the Congregation to caring for the elders as she accepted the role of superior at Sacred Heart Manor. Appointed Provincial Superior in 1986, Sr. Adrienne was responsible for expanding the Apostle ministries in Florida, with expansion to Pensacola, Pahokee, and West Palm Beach. During her term, the Apostles opened the Clelian Adult Day Center at Sacred Heart Manor on the Mount Sacred Heart property in Hamden, CT. Within a few years, a large addition was built to expand the Clelian Center.

In 1990, Apostle Ministry began in northern New Jersey with the assignment of Sisters to serve at Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township. In 1994, Sr. Adrienne united the sisters of the entire province in a Centennial Celebration of the congregation which was founded in Italy in 1894. The Friends of the Sacred Heart program was initiated during Sr. Adrienne's tenure. Sr. Adrienne was also responsible for the expansion of the Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children in Greensburg, PA, where new residential buildings were added in 1993. Since the completion of her three terms of leadership in 1995, Sr. Adrienne has resided at Clelian Heights for many years, and has recently moved to Sacred Heart Manor.