

*Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Provincial Superiors*

Sr. Deborah Lopez, 1995-2001



Sr. Deborah is a native of New York City. She entered the congregation in 1966, professed first vows in 1969 and her final vows in 1974. After 10 years in teaching and administration in elementary and secondary schools in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, and Missouri, Sr. Deborah served as Postulant Directress from 1980-1988. She resumed responsibilities as principal in New Jersey and Missouri until she was named Provincial Superior in 1995. Sr. Deborah continued the growth of Apostle ministry in the state of Florida with the assignment of Sisters to John Paul II High School in Tallahassee in 2001. Expansion to Asia also was initiated with the assignment of a community to St. Paul's High School in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Peoples' Republic of China. Under Sr.

Deborah's leadership, the province formed a restructuring committee to examine the missions and ministries of the United States Province. Sr. Deborah also assigned an Apostle to full-time vocation ministry, an important step in being able to promote the Apostles' charism and communicate with discerning women. The Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children in Greensburg, PA, was further expanded with the dedication of the Therapeutic and Recreational Center in 1996. After completing her two terms of service in 2001, Sr. Deborah was principal of St. Joseph School in the Chinatown section of New York, NY. Please see Sr. Deborah's Perspective article about St. Joseph in the Fall, 2006 issue of Caritas, the newsletter of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since March 2011, Sr. Deborah has been principal of St. Raphael's School in Bridgeport, CT. In 2013, St. Raphael's School joined with St. Augustine School to form the Cathedral Academy. Sr. Deborah served at Cathedral Academy as principal of the Lower School at St. Raphael Campus (Pre-K through 3rd Grade) through 2016. Sr. Deborah currently serves as Director of Clelian Heights School.