

Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Provincial Superiors

M. Rosalia Sosso, 1960-1968



A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Mother Rosalia entered the congregation in 1935 at Greene Street in New Haven, CT. She professed her first vows in 1938 and her final vows in 1944. Having taught and administered elementary schools for fourteen years in New York and Connecticut, she was named Aspirant Mistress in 1951 and also began teaching on the secondary level that year. In 1960, Mother Rosalia was appointed Provincial Superior, and the following year she oversaw the purchase of property in Greensburg, PA where the Apostles established Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children. During Mother Rosalia's eight years in office, the Apostles continued their expansion in the United States by opening a second school in Illinois and their first mission in California. After eight years as Provincial Superior, Mother Rosalia was elected Superior General of the Congregation by the 9th General Chapter and began her thirty-one year sojourn in Rome. Please refer to the history of the worldwide congregation for Mother Rosalia's achievements during her three terms of office. Having completed her service as Superior General in 1986, Mother Rosalia remained in Rome until 1999 when she returned to the United States and retired at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, CT. She resided at Sacred Heart Manor until her death on July 15, 2012.