Mother Marcelline was born in Brugherio, Italy in 1869. She was among the first members of the institute, following the Foundress Clelia Merloni and Elisa Pederzini. Mother Marcelline was instrumental in firmly establishing the Sisters in New Haven, overcoming the obstacles created by the purchase and renovation of two houses. Not long after laying the groundwork in New Haven, she was recalled to Rome to assume the position of Mother General of the institute, succeeding the foundress, Mother Clelia. Mother Marcelline died in Rome in 1942.