



Born to New Life

Sister Angeline Dal Corso, MPF



After a long illness, Sister Angeline Dal Corso, MPF, 101, died Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Saint Joseph Hall. It was Sister Angeline's strong desire to meet the Lord and enjoy eternal life. Repeatedly Sister Angeline would share her longing for God with those who visited her. She questioned why God was taking so long to call her home. At the same time, doing His Will gave her peace to the very end.

Father Ron Sordillo, chaplain at Saint Joseph Hall, considered it a privilege to serve Sister Angeline in her last years. As celebrant and homilist at her funeral, Father Ron confirmed how often she spoke to him on the subject of seeing God face to face.

In the Gospel of the Transfiguration, the reading chosen by Sister Angeline for her burial Mass, Peter says *"Lord, it is good that we are here with you."* Father Ron stated:

"It is good that we are here this very afternoon with one another and with Sister Angeline for today she is changed and transcended... now she sees God face to face... this was her greatest wish and desire to see God face to face... She was a woman of tremendous faith and trust in God... Her love of God and deep prayer life has sustained her throughout these one hundred and one years of life. Her ministry was marked by total dedication to the children and people of God that she served... We come here today to give back to God this transcended Sister who was forever grateful for her blessed life... Today she is fulfilled and changed and now sees Jesus for all eternity... As God said to His Son 'You are my beloved Son' so now God says to Sister Angeline, 'You are my beloved daughter.' "

Born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey, Sister Angeline entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on June 28, 1931, was invested on July 3, 1932, and made her final religious profession July 31, 1935.

Sister Angeline was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in English from the College of Saint Elizabeth with graduate credits from Seton Hall University, Catholic University and Jersey City State College. Sister Angeline taught the elementary grades in various schools in the Archdioceses of Newark, New Jersey, and Hartford, Connecticut, the Dioceses of Trenton, Camden, Trenton, New Jersey, and Bridgeport, Connecticut. Other roles assigned her in the area of education included reading specialist at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City, Queen of Peace, Maywood and Saint Sebastian, Middletown, Connecticut. She was principal in the Archdiocese of Newark at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark, Saint Joseph, East Orange, Saint Peter, River Edge, New Jersey and in Saint Sebastian, Middletown, Connecticut.

Her ministerial service further included religious education where Sister served as CCD coordinator at Saint Pius X Parish, Middletown, Connecticut. She was a local superior at Saint Thomas, Southington, Connecticut, and for five years director and superior at the Holy Land, Waterbury, Connecticut, where she retired in 2009. When Sister Angeline returned to Villa Walsh in 2010, she became a resident at Saint Joseph Hall.

Everyone's life is filled with successes and challenges; accomplishments as well as the cross. Sister Angeline's strong faith and love of God allowed her to be thankful for God's gifts and also to live strong in faith. Her love of God and deep prayer life sustained her throughout her entire life.

Sister Angeline was predeceased by three sisters who were Religious Teachers Filippini -- Sister Gilda, Sister Emma and Sister Victoria. Her passing concludes a significant chapter in the history of the Province. These four sisters each leave behind fond memories of the distinct gifts they shared with the sisters in community and with the people of God. To end this era without mention of the Dal Corso sisters would be remiss. May their love and praise of God on earth earn them together the joy and glory of eternal life.