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Sister Frances Stavallo, MPF

Sister Frances Stavallo, MPF, 84, died peacefully at Hackensack University Hospital on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, on the vigil of the 349th birthday of St. Lucy Filippini. A private burial service will be held at Ave Maria Cemetery, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, on Monday, January 18, 2021.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, Sister Frances entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1951. She received the habit in 1952 and made her religious profession in 1955.

In her early years of ministry, Sister Frances taught the elementary grades in various parish schools in New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Sister Frances received a BS degree in Elementary Education from St. Elizabeth College, Convent Station, New Jersey, and achieved a MA degree in the same major from Central Connecticut State College, New Britain, CT. Sister Frances kept a competitive edge on Catholic Education by attending national conventions and diocesan workshops. The highlight of her educational ministry was being selected by Cardinal James Hickey of Washington, DC, to begin a new educational endeavor in Darnestown, MD, the Mary of Nazareth School. The late Cardinal worked closely with her in founding the school in 1994, where Sister Frances served as principal for eight years. Having served as local superior in the congregation for over thirty years, Sister Frances was elected Provincial Superior of Queen of Apostles Province, Bristol, CT, which necessitated her leaving the school in 2002. The president of the Home School Association upon her departure stated, *"I don't know what I love about her more, her sense of humor or her ability to take control of any given situation with a loving hand."* For her part, Sister Frances made it very clear, *"Children have always been my great love."*

As a vibrant member of the congregation for 68 years, Sister Frances kept the foundation of her vocation no secret. *"My mother was my inspiration. She was a deeply religious woman, who instilled in me the spirit of goodness, and the beauty of the Blessed Mother. I loved going to church with her, standing next to her saying the rosary before I even knew what the rosary was."*

Sister Frances is predeceased by her brothers Domenic, Anthony, Frank, Joseph and John, and her sister Nancy. She is survived by her sisters Mary and Dorothy and many loving nieces and nephews and their families.

Donations may be made to the Religious Teachers Filippini, c/o Sr. Patricia Pompa, MPF, Provincial Superior, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.

