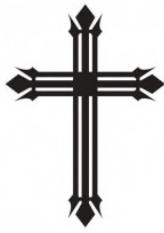




## Born to New Life

### Sister Carmela Di Mauro, MPF



Sister Carmela Di Mauro, MPF died peacefully at the age of 92 on the Feast of St. Lucy Filippini, May 12, 2025, at St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey.

Born to Joseph and Antoinette (Monaco) Di Mauro in Ansonia, Connecticut, Sister Carmela grew up in a loving and faith-filled family. She entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1950, received the habit in 1951, and made her religious profession in 1954. Sister Carmela earned a BS degree in Elementary Education from the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, New Jersey, an MS and 6<sup>th</sup> year certification in Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, Connecticut, and her Ph.D. from Heed University in Hollywood, Florida, in the field of Counseling Psychology.

Throughout her religious life, Sister Carmela taught in elementary, junior high, and high schools in New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. She also ministered as Religious Education Coordinator and Pastoral Minister in Catholic parishes. Gifted with a keen intellect and a sensitive heart, Sister Carmela joyfully embodied the charism of St. Lucy Filippini wherever she served. In 2023, due to her declining health, Sister Carmela transitioned to St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Carmela was held in Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh on Thursday, May 15, 2025. Her body was laid to rest in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.

In his homily, the Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop Emeritus of Paterson, shared these sentiments: *“Deep faith in God removes all fear and fosters great trust. This is the faith that inspired Sister Carmela to give her life to God as a teenager. She trusted in his wise plan to use her for the advancement of the kingdom of God as a Maestra Pia Filippini. Sister Carmela not only greatly admired St. Lucy, but sought to imitate her virtues each day. In her various ministries... Sister Carmela brought the healing balm of the gospel into the lives of those she served. Well-educated and humble, prayerful and sensitive to the needs of those around her, Sister Carmela put her gifts generously at the service of others. Those who lived with her found Sister Carmela to be joyful and encouraging. At the center of her life was the Lord. Wherever she happened to be living and working, she kept her eyes on Jesus, as the Way and the Truth and the Life.”*

Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, in her letter of sympathy to the Sisters of the Province recalled: *“A proud member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Group, Sister Carmela held a deep love for our Blessed Mother, which I am confident brought her safely to her final breath. Sister Carmela’s love for Saint Lucy, too, was a lifelong devotion. Through the many changes in her life, she always felt Saint Lucy’s presence guiding her to make renewed decisions. Being welcomed into eternal life on her feast day is a gift, especially when seen beyond our earthly perspective.... Visiting Sister Carmela at Visitation Convent in New Brunswick, New Jersey, was always pleasant. She shared stories about her ministry and the people she worked with daily at the office. With a certification in Psychology and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, in her day-to-day ministry, she took great pride in her ability to support others, especially women in need. Always available and deeply compassionate, Sister Carmela found joy in being called upon and willingly shared her gifts. ... Sister Carmela embraced a simply lifestyle, yet her heart was abundantly generous. She shared happily and graciously with the Community and was always mindful of supporting our Community Missions. Giving from what she had, gave Sister Carmela joy. Today, as you lay Sister Carmela to rest, I pray with you that the God who makes all things new, receives Sister Carmela with great joy, graciousness, and welcome for a life lived totally for Him. Sisters, may this Easter Season renew our trust in the Risen Lord who every day shares His new life with and among us.”*