



Sisters of St. John the Baptist
Provincial Residence

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Sr. Veronica Di Santo - 101 years of age
Spent 84 years as a Sisters of St. John the Baptist
1911-2012

Sister Veronica entered the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in 1927 after meeting them at Our Lady of Loretto Day Nursery in lower Manhattan. She had the desire to care for orphaned children and serving God in this way.

In 1929 her first assignment as a Sister was St. Lucy's Convent in Newark, NJ which was an orphanage and school owned by the Sisters. She taught there for many years until her transfer to St. John Villa Staten Island in 1942. There she ministered in many areas until 1963. During her twenty-one years at Villa she was principal of the Elementary and High School and local Superior. She worked hard to increase enrollment and to expand the school. She always had the support of the Parent/Teacher Association and had a winning way with all who came to know her. She raised funds for the high school building known as Spellman Court. It was a challenging task to be Principal and Director of Development and to see to the daily functioning of the school. Sister was also very active in directing the choral concerts of St. John Villa. These concerts helped to identify and promote the musical gifts of many.

In 1963, Sister was transferred to Gloversville, NY becoming the Principal of Bishop Burke H.S. until 1969. Known in the community as an excellent educator, she then joined the faculty at Alphonsus College, Woodcliff Lake, NJ.

In 1973, with continuing enthusiasm for the young and their education, Sr. Veronica left the United States for Toronto, Canada and undertook the opening of Dante Alighieri High School, the first apostolic work for the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in Canada.

Sister Veronica had a full life as classroom teacher, choir directress, directress of aspirants, and principal. In addition, Sister was a member of International Educational Committees. In the summer of 1985 she was also asked by the General Government of the Sisters of Saint John the Baptist to do some of the preliminary work needed to open a school in the Philippines.

Sister will be remembered for touching the lives of thousands of young people and as a person with much vision. She always wanted to help the young realize the love of God in their lives.

Needing greater physical care, Sister Veronica returned to the States and retired at Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY in 1995. Sister remained at Mt. St. John until her death on November 30, 2012.



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Info regarding Sr. Veronica

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In the Archdiocese of NY:

1942-1963, St. John Villa, Staten Island, NY
1963-1969, Bishop Burke, Gloversville, NY
1995-2012, Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY

Entered from Our Lady of Loretto Parish, NYC
2/9/27

Reception
10/8/28

First Profession
10/9/29

Perpetual Profession
10/9/34

Education

B.S. Seton Hall University 1939 (Education - English)
M.A. Seton Hall University 1942 (History)

