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*Sr. Raphael Marie Spano, C.S.J.B.*

*85 years of age was a Sister of St. John the Baptist for 64 years*

Sr. Raphael Marie passed to her eternal reward peacefully at White Plains Hospital surrounded by the Sisters and her family on February 25, 2020. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on February 28, 2020 at St. Anthony de Padua Church, West Harrison, NY. Sister was interred at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY.

Dolores was born on December 28, 1934, Bronx, NY of her beloved parents Vincent and Raffaella. She entered the Sisters of St. John the Baptist on September 8, 1954 at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, NY. Sister celebrated her Final Profession on August 29, 1962 at Glen Cove, Long Island, NY.

Sr. Raphael Marie was involved in several ministries: 1957 and 1996 assisted our residents at Providence Rest Nursing Home: 1958 she became the Assistant Boarder Directress for Girls at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island and taught the elementary school at the same time. An educator by heart, she taught in New Jersey Parochial Schools: 1958 - St. Vincent de Paul, Stirling, 1980 - St. Bernard, Plainfield and our former school, St. Lucy, Newark in 1963.

Sister was asked to teach in our Canadian ministry in the summer of 1963 at All Souls Day Nursery then came back to the US soil to continue teaching elementary school children. In August 1964, St. Roch School in Connecticut, 1966 to 1968 and 1989 at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island. In 1984, she traveled the borough and came to St. Dominic School in the Bronx and taught fourth grade. Her desire to continue ministry in St. John Villa Academy in Staten Island persisted and she taught the children at Villa elementary school from 1998-2001. In September 2001, she volunteered and assisted the High School Development Office.

In July 2006, Sister had the opportunity to go on a spiritual renewal at Spirit House in Rochester, NY. After her 5 week long of peace and quiet



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with the Lord, she came back to St. John Villa Academy and devoted her time to work as an Assistant Librarian in High School where she found her passion to give her service with dedication and enthusiasm especially in sharing her love of poetry and painting.

Sr. Raphael Marie retired in Mt. St. John Convent on July 4, 2016.

Aunt Dolores, Sr. Raphael Marie, Rachael is survived by her twin sister Camille, nephews, nieces and cousins whom she adored and loved so dearly.