

## *Sisters of St. John the Baptist*

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### *Sr. Marie Bernard Osso was 84 years old Sister of Saint John the Baptist*

**Sr. Marie Bernard Osso, C.S.JB. passed to her eternal reward at Providence Rest Nursing Home in the Bronx, on March 3, 2013. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated for her on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Providence Rest Chapel, Bronx, New York. Sister was interred at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester, NY on Tuesday, March 5, 2013.**

**Sister Marie Bernard ministered in Rome Italy and France and was engaged in parish work. In 1954, after her perpetual profession, Sister Bernard came to the United States to minister and remained here until her death. Her duties included helping the local Superior manage the smooth running of the convent.**

**Her giftedness with people enabled her to win the hearts of many. She was involved with seeking donations for the Sisters and working in “development” for the community long before we even knew the term. Sister spent most of her life at our convent at Mt. St. John Convent, Gladstone and St. Lucy’s in Newark, NJ. She briefly ministered at St. John Villa, Staten Island and Immaculate Heart Novitiate, Glen Cove, NY.**

**Sister was an asset to the residents at Providence Rest Nursing Home in the Bronx. She ministered there from 1989 until 1996 caring from all and bringing a kind word to many as an advocate for the residents in her care. Even when she retired from active ministry she would visit the residents at Providence Rest. In July, 2000, needing greater physical care, Sister retired to the Community’s retirement convent, Mt. St. John Convent, Purchase, NY.**

**When it became obvious that Sister needed skilled nursing care just a few months ago, Sister was transferred back to her beloved Providence Rest where she passed away peacefully with her Sisters around her.**

**Sister Marie Bernard was a dedicated religious who faithfully fulfilled her ministerial and communal responsibilities. She will be remembered for being a spirited, generous and dedicated woman.**

**Sister is survived by one brother Michael and his wife Elsa from Fort Lee, NJ. She took great pleasure in visiting them and their family and shared with us the great love for them. Sister is also survived by her sister Carmina who lives in Italy, as well as and many nieces and nephews.**

**One of the last words which Sr. Bernard spoke was to Sr. Christine. She expressed in Italian to Sister that she wanted to have a whole chicken....a roasted chicken.**

**Bernard.....may you be feasting at the table of the Lord right now....enjoying that whole chicken and all the other many benefits awarded you for your love and service to God and all of us.**

**May you rest in peace Sr. Bernard and thank you for everything.**

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**Information Regarding Sr. Marie Bernard Osso**

**Entered the Sisters of Saint John the Baptist  
1946 in Rome Italy**

**Reception  
1947 in Rome Italy**

**Temporary Profession  
12-8-1948, Rome Italy**

**Perpetual Profession  
12-8-1953, France**