

SISTER ANGELICA VIARDI

(October 12, 1921 - February 1, 1982)

On February 1, 1982, after a long, painful illness, Sister Angelica Vilardi surrendered her soul to the God who had called her to religious life forty years before.

Raised in New York City in a large Italian family, Sister brought to the Community an understanding of human nature. An intelligent, perceptive woman, Sister Angelica studied and received degrees in education and in theology. She taught and was a principal in St. Lucy's School, Newark, New Jersey, in St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, New York and in Mount Saint John Academy, Gladstone, New Jersey.

Her human and spiritual gifts served her well in her office of Mother Mistress from 1960 - 1966; here she was instrumental in establishing Alphonsus Junior College for the young Sisters and lay women as well. In 1972, she was elected Vicar General of the international Community; from the General House in Rome, she visited the community's works in Chile, Brazil, Africa and Canada.

Even in the face of declining health, she exerted her energy to translate into English a biography of Father Founder written in Italian.

Her legacy to her Sisters and to all those whose lives she touched is one of centering on God; she lived for Him, and she strove to use all her natural gifts to serve Him and to make Him known and loved.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!