

SR. ELIZABETH PORTO, C.S.JB.

October 18, 1913 – December 10, 2001

Sr. Elizabeth Porto was born in New York City, on October 18, 1913 to Andrew Porto and Rosaria Martinelli and was baptized with the name Rosina in the Church of the Transfiguration on Mott Street, New York City, on November 23, 1913.

On August 27, 1942, Sister entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. John the Baptist at Mt. St. John Convent, White Plains, and received the habit on August 29, 1943. Sister made her first profession of vows on August 30, 1944 and was then assigned to St. Dominic Convent in the Bronx where she was appointed Church sacristan and was involved in parish work for the next nine years.

In August of 1953, Sr. Elizabeth served at St. Gabriel's Day Care in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was during this time that the Lord called her to begin her life as a Baptistine missionary, and on August 30, 1955, Sister traveled to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, where she faithfully and wholeheartedly accomplished the Lord's work for the next 26 years in preparing young women to become Sisters, and working with the orphans and the poor.

In 1981 Sr. Elizabeth returned to the American Province to continue fulfilling the Lord's will in her life until, on May 18, 1983, Sister departed her homeland once again, this time to do God's work in Jerusalem and in 1985 joined our Baptistine Community in the Philippines.

In 1988 Sr. Elizabeth returned to the United States to retire from her very active life of working with God's people on three different continents.

During the last months of her life, Sr. Elizabeth suffered from terminal cancer, but was a constant source of inspiration to all who knew her. Her joyful smile and peaceful spirit were the beautiful reflections of the Lord who dwelt within her heart. Sr. Elizabeth went to meet her Spouse on December 10, 2001. "Come, Bride of Christ, accept the crown which the Lord has prepared for you in eternity."