

Sister Immaculata Sereni (November 2, 1902 - July 3, 1984)

Sr. Immaculata Sereni christened Adele, was born in Rome, Italy on November 2, 1902. She entered the congregation in October, 1918 and made her first profession in September, 1920. In 1925 Sr. Immaculata came to America to St. John Villa Academy where she served for three years as boarder mistress in the elementary school. Between 1925 and the time of her death, she served at St. John Villa Academy, Our Lady of Loreto, Mt. St. John Academy, St. Lucy and Mt. St. John Convent. For 15 years, from 1948 to 1954 and from 1958 to 1968, she served at our Lady of Loreto Day Nursery in New York City. She returned to St. John Villa Academy in 1969.

In 1932, she was assigned to the first faculty of St. John Villa Academy High School where she taught Latin and Italian for five years.

She returned to St. John Villa Academy in 1969 to teach Italian, and continued teaching until she became ill two months before her death.

During Sr. Immaculata's religious life, she served as principal, local superior and economer of the American Region.

In May of 1983, she was honored by the borough president of Staten Island for her efforts on behalf of students on Staten Island, especially in the areas of Italian language and culture. She was also honored by the Italian Club of Staten Island and the Sons of Italy. She took pride in the achievements of her students many of whom continued to win awards for their work, in the Italian language.

On the morning of Sister's death, she was brought to Staten Island Hospital because she found it difficult to breathe. Within one and half hours after receiving the last rites, Sister was called home by the Father. Sister Immaculata is remembered by those with whom she lived as a prayerful, and charitable Sister who was always ready to serve God's people.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!