

SR. MARY EMMANUEL DI FALCO, C.S.JB.

August 24, 1929 – January 22, 2002

Sr. Mary Emmanuel was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 24, 1929 to Frank Di Falco and Phyllis Lo Cascio and was baptized in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on the feast of Our Lady, September 8, 1929.

On June 25, 1947, Sister entered the novitiate at Mt. St. John Convent, White Plains, and her reception took place on February 21, 1948. On February 22, 1949, Sr. Mary Emmanuel made her first profession of vows and was then assigned to Mt. St. John Academy in Gladstone, where she became the Residency Directress for the boys attending the Mount. In September of 1953, Sister was transferred to St. Roch Convent in Greenwich, Connecticut, and taught in the Nursery School until October of 1954, when she was reassigned to the boys' residency at Mt. St. John Academy.

On August 16, 1961, the Lord brought Sr. Mary Emmanuel to Providence Rest Nursing Home in the Bronx, where she faithfully and lovingly ministered to the needs of the elderly for the next 39 years. During that time, Sister was a constant source of loving support and heartfelt dedication to the Home's residents and their families, as well as to the administration and staff. From the early hours of the morning to the later hours of evening, Sister was always present whether it was by attending to the needs of those who required her excellent nursing care, sharing a gentle, loving word or words of encouragement, mentoring those who needed her expertise and guidance, or simply by being available in all ways to all those around her.

In January of the year 2000, due to illness, Sr. Mary Emmanuel was no longer able to continue her beautiful work of ministering to God's people. Now, for the next two years, the Lord would ask Sister to become the recipient of His tender loving care rather than the giver of His gentle loving care. And so Sr. Mary Emmanuel accepted God's will in her life, as she had always done, until on January 22, 2002, God's Angel of Mercy was called home to be welcomed by the all the angels and saints into His heavenly kingdom...a kingdom that Sister so richly deserves.

*"May the Holy Angels be there to welcome you
with all the saints who go before you,
that you may know the peace and joy of paradise;
that you may enter into everlasting rest."*