Sister M. Magdalene Fanucci, D.M.

Sister M. Magdalene Fanucci, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield, NJ went to her eternal rest on Saturday, February 16, 2013, at Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, York, PA where she had been a resident for nine months.

Sister Magdalene, born in Germania (Municipality of Galloway Township) NJ, was the daughter of the late Santino and Marion (Comerota) Fanucci of Scranton, PA. She entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in York, PA on February 2, 1944, and professed her Vows on August 16, 1945.

Dedicated to her religious vocation and to her ministry as an educator, Sister Magdalene spent most of her life teaching at both the elementary and secondary levels. She was also a principal for many years.

After having obtained her Bachelor's degree in elementary education from College Misericordia, Dallas, PA, Sister Magdalene went on to earn a Master's Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, and a Master's Degree in Library Science from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

She taught in schools staffed by her religious order at Sacred Heart School, Milford, MA, at St. Mary's Old Forge, PA, and Most Precious Blood, Hazleton, PA, St. Mary Magdalen School, Millville, NJ and at St. Rose of Lima School, Newfield, NJ. She served as principal at Mt. Carmel School, Springfield, MA, Msgr. Molino Elementary School, Hazleton, PA, St. Francis School, Vineland, NJ, St. Joan of Arc School, Hershey, PA and St. Joseph School, Berwick, PA. Until the time of her retirement, she held the position of Librarian/Media Coordinator at Bishop O'Reilly High School in Kingston, PA. Sister was a member of the Harrisburg Diocesan School Board for two years and held membership in several other educational associations.

In addition to her involvement in education, Sister Magdalene served on the Sisters Advisory Council in both Scranton and Harrisburg Dioceses for a number of years.