

Sister M. Margaret DiNunzio, D.M.

Sister M. Margaret DiNunzio, age 86, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, New Jersey died, after a brief illness, on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at Misericordia Nursing Center, York, PA.

Born in Milford, MA, Sister Margaret was the daughter of the late Michael and Grace Fratta DiNunzio. Having entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy in York, PA on February 11, 1943, she professed her religious vows on August 16, 1944.

Dedicated to the ministry of education, and having a great love and concern for children, Sister Margaret spent many years teaching in various parochial schools in Springfield, MA, Berwick, Hazleton, Hershey, Hazleton, Old Forge, and Steelton, PA where she was the principal for a number of years. In New Jersey, she served as principal of St. Philip School, Brigantine. She also taught at Little Flower School, Berkeley Heights, St. Mary School in East Vineland, St. Mary Magdalen, Millville, and St. Joseph, Swedesboro. She also served as pre-school director and teacher at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newfield. As a teacher, she was very creative and, with very limited resources could turn an ordinary classroom into a delightful children's wonderland.

In addition to being an educator, Sister Margaret was the initiator of many noteworthy projects. The religious order is especially proud of its Rossello Heritage Room completely designed, equipped, and organized by Sister Margaret. Possessing a good mind for business, she also managed the Rossello Gift Shop located at Villa Rossello. Motivated by zeal for the order's mission in Gonaives, Haiti, Sister Margaret, on an ongoing basis, collected clothes, toys, and useful items of every sort, packed hundreds of boxes, and shipped them off to help the poor of this mission. In her younger years, she also traveled to Haiti for on hands mission work during the summer months.

Sr. Margaret was completely dedicated to her religious vocation. Inspired by the order's foundress, St. Mary Joseph Rossello, Sister Margaret, without compromise, gave her "heart to God and hands to work." Always willing to lend a helping hand, she had a friendly way about her that put others at ease. Her approach to life was vibrant and lively and her spontaneous sense of humor drew others to her.