

Sister M. Susanne Di Nicola, D.M.

Sister M. Susanne DiNicola, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield, NJ, died on February 4, 2008, at Mercy Hospital in Scranton, PA, where she had been a patient for almost two months fighting a courageous battle with cancer. She was 69.

Sister DiNicola was born in Dunmore, PA, daughter of the late Gerald and Susan Laposh DiNicola. Having entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in Newfield, NJ, on July 11, 1952, she professed her Vows on August 16, 1954.

Totally dedicated to her religious vocation, Sister Susanne's life was characterized by her spirit of persevering prayer and her great love for her religious congregation.

An excellent educator, Sister Susanne taught in various schools in Berwick, Hazleton, and Old Forge, PA, Milford and Springfield, MA, Dunkirk, NY, and Vineland, NJ. She also served as principal of St. Joan of Arc School, Hershey, PA, Little Flower School, Berkeley Heights, St. Mary's Regional School, Vineland, NJ, and at Holy Spirit Academy in Hazleton, PA. She also served as Coordinator of Religious Education at St. Mary's Parish, Old Forge, PA, and taught religion and art in the parish school. In September of 2007, she served as a part-time Assistant Teacher at All Saints Academy in Scranton, PA until illness overcame her.

Sister Susanne had a passion for teaching and loved the children under her care. Well-versed in many areas, she enjoyed teaching children music and drama, and in some of the schools where she taught, she organized a children's choir. She also enjoyed preparing children for school performances which involved singing and putting on skits.

A multi-talented person, Sister enjoyed cooking, baking, and sewing. It was no problem for her to provide a meal for any type of occasion and for any number of people. She delighted in giving pleasure to others with her expertise in baking.