

Sister M. Angelica Bove, D.M.



Sister M. Angelica Bove, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield, NJ went to her eternal rest on November 11, 2017, at Misericordia Nursing & Rehab Center, York, PA.

Sister Angelica (Gloria Rita Bove), born in Hazleton, PA, was the daughter of the late John and Mildred (Lyate) Bove. She entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in York, PA on August 15, 1947, and professed her vows on March 8, 1949.

Sister earned a BS degree from College Misericordia, Dallas, PA, and pursued further studies at the University of Scranton and Marywood College in Scranton, PA, and at Fordham University. As an educator, Sister Angelica taught in elementary schools administered by the religious order in Milford, MA; Millville and Vineland, NJ; Steelton, Hershey, Old Forge, and Hazleton, PA. She served as school principal at St. Mary's Old Forge and as principal at Msgr. Molino Elementary School (previously Most Precious Blood) in Hazleton. While serving as principal at Msgr. Molino, she was appointed by Scranton diocesan officials to serve as assistant superintendent of parochial schools in the Hazleton area (1990 – 1992). On the high school level, Sister Angelica taught and served as the secretary at the order's Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Newfield, NJ.

In addition to teaching, Sister Angelica also served her religious community in many roles of service. From 1978 to 1983 she served as Provincial Superior of the order in Newfield, NJ. Prior to that, she served as Directress of Novices, and also, for six years, as an extern member of the order's General Council seated in Savona, Italy. Having completed her ministry in education, Sister Angelica then served as parish minister and coordinator of the Most Precious Blood Parish Outreach program for a number of years before being assigned to Mercy Residence, York as Superior in 2005. Overtaken by illness, she spent her last two years as a resident of Misericordia Nursing Center, York which is owned by her religious order.

Sister Angelica was noted for her competency and dedication in whatever area of ministry she served. She will be missed for her gracious and joyful spirit, her charity to all, and for her untiring service to her religious community.