

## Sister Carmelina Gandolfo, D.M.



Sister Carmelina Gandolfo, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield, NJ went to her eternal rest on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, York, PA.

Sister Carmelina, born in Conio Imperia, Italy, was the daughter of the late Francis and Carmela (Alberti) of Imperia, Italy. She entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in Savona, Italy on September 14, 1932, and professed her Vows on March 18, 1934. In 1935 she came to America to York, PA, and became a member of the religious

Order's North American Province.

Totally dedicated to her religious vocation, Sister Carmelina was known for her spirit of fervent prayer, her loving care for others, her genuine love for her religious congregation, and her great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Having obtained her Bachelor's degree in education from College Misericordia, Dallas, PA, Sister Carmelina ministered as a dedicated teacher in schools staffed by the religious order in Springfield and Milford, Massachusetts, Most Precious Blood, Our Lady of Grace, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Schools in Hazleton, PA, and at St. Joan of Arc School, Hershey, PA. For a number of years, she served as principal. She also did some parish ministry at St. Ann's Parish, Steelton, PA for a brief period of time.

At the end of her teaching career in 1984, she was sent to St. Joseph Parish, Berwick, PA as a Parish Visitor where she brought comfort and hope to the ill and elderly parishioners. She continued this work until her full retirement in 2008. The last few years of her life were spent at Mercy Residence, the Order's retirement home, York, PA.