



## In Memoriam



### **Sr. Josanne Huber, MSC**

**1931 - 2023**

On the morning of September 7th one of our Sisters noticed a change in Sister Josanne's breathing. Knowing that Sister Josanne cherished the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the attending Sister accessed the Divine Mercy Chaplet on her phone and placed it close to Sister Josanne's ear. Upon hearing the prayer, Sister Josanne opened her eyes wide, then closed them, and breathed her last. Throughout her life, Sister Josanne had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother and the rosary and so it seems appropriate that she died on the eve of the feast of Mary's Nativity.

Sister Josanne entered our congregation at the age of twenty-four after having worked as a nurse and nursing supervisor in our Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, PA. Some of our

Sisters were under her supervision when they were nursing students. She was known for her caring and compassionate presence and for her devotion to the sick and to the concerns of their family members. Her ministry in various hospitals as a nurse included Sacred Heart Hospital, in Norristown, PA, St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, GA, and Good Samaritan Hospital, in Pottsville, PA. Her loving, compassionate, and professional care was extended to her mother as Sister Josanne nursed her for nine years until her mother's death.

Sister Josanne then embraced the pastoral care of the patients in these hospitals and in parish situations. For Sister Josanne, God was a God of love and infinite mercy. This is what she conveyed to all who came into her life. Whether she was nursing the sick or ministering to them in Pastoral Care, Sister Josanne imparted a constant care and love for each person.

Sister Josanne had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary. As an active member of the Legion of Mary, she regularly attended and led their devotions.

She often attended parish novenas, special Masses, feast days, etc. When her relatives and our Sisters came to visit her in the hospital or her recent residence at St. Joseph Villa, they often prayed the rosary with and for her.

In the midst of her busy schedule as nurse and pastoral minister, Sr. Josanne still found time to be in faithful and thoughtful correspondence with many people, never missing birthdays, feast days, anniversaries and other special occasions of our Sisters, her family, and associates. She also loved to bake and was often baking at midnight since she was so busy during the day. What a joy for her fellow Sisters as they woke up to the special, wonderful aroma.

Sister Josanne was a nurse, a pastoral minister, an imitator of Mary, our Mother, and lover of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She is now our intercessor before the throne of God. Sister Josanne often shared the following prayer of blessing on the hospital intercom after the Morning Prayer: "God bless and have a peaceful day."

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Josanne was celebrated on Monday, September 11th, at our Motherhouse Chapel. She was then laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

In the Heart of Jesus,

*Sr. Dorothy Fabritze, MSC*

U.S. Province Leader