

## Sister M. Bernadette Borelli, D.M.



Sister M. Bernadette Borelli, 89, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield, NJ, died on February 4, 2010, at Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, York, PA.

Born in West Springfield, MA, Sister Bernadette was the daughter of the late Umberto Borelli and Josephine Carasiti Borelli. Having entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in York, PA on October 30, 1937, she professed her Vows on August 16, 1939. Pursuing studies at College Misericordia, (now known as Misericordia University) in Dallas, PA, she earned a BA degree in secondary education. She then went on for religious studies at Marywood University, Scranton, PA.

Totally dedicated to her religious vocation from a very young age, Sister Bernadette was a gentle and gracious person and a woman of prayer and good works. With a warm smile and a kind word for everyone she met, her compassion for others was a distinct mark of her character.

An educator for many years, Sister Bernadette taught in various schools in Milford and Springfield, MA, Hazleton and Steelton, PA, and in New Jersey at St. Mary Magdalen School, Millville, St. Francis School, Vineland, and Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Newfield. She served as principal in Springfield, MA, and Hazleton, PA for many years. When her career as an educator ended, Sister Bernadette served as a parish minister in Springfield, MA. In her later years, she was stationed at Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, in York, PA where she spent her time ministering to the elderly ill residents of the Home in countless caring and compassionate ways. Her serene and loving presence brought comfort and strength to the residents, their families, and all whom she met.

Sister Bernadette, a dedicated educator, and caregiver, always strived for a balance between her life of prayer and work. She truly exemplified the motto of her religious congregation's foundress, St. Mary Joseph Rossello who constantly recommended that her sisters give "Heart to God and Hands to work."

