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**Joan Clark, SHCJ**  
**March 24, 1923 – September 11, 2017**  
**Teacher, Administrator**

Rosemont, Pennsylvania – Joan Clark, SHCJ, who was a Sister of the Holy Child Jesus for 66 years, died of cardiac arrest, on Monday, September 11, 2017, at Holy Child Center in Rosemont, PA. She was 94.

Born in the Bronx of Irish Catholic parents, Thomas and Sarah (Doyle) Clark, Sister Joan had one brother, Edward, and two sisters, Catherine and Gloria. After graduating from high school in 1941, Sister Joan worked for *Seventeen* magazine until she felt a calling to religious life. She was drawn to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus and decided to enter the community in 1948. She made her final vows in 1956 and became well known by the religious name Mother St. Edward.

Sister Joan's teaching ministry spanned over four decades with much of her time in New York: St. Elizabeth School, New York City (1951-1958 and 1966-1968); Our Lady of Lourdes, New York City (1960-1966 and 1975-1977); Holy Child Academy, Suffern (1970-1971); School of the Holy Child, Rye (1977-1980); Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Rye (1980-1983); and St. Barnabas High School, the Bronx (1983-1997).

She also taught at Saint Rita School in Portland, OR (1958-1960) and served as principal at Saint Mary High School in Melrose, MA (1968-1970) and Holy Child High School in Waukegan, IL (1971-1973).

In 1997, Sister Joan officially retired from teaching but continued to volunteer. Failing eyesight required her to move to the Holy Child Sisters' community in Rye, NY, and then in 2014, she joined the community at Holy Child Center in Rosemont, PA.

Throughout her years of serving, Sister Joan found teaching a rewarding experience. She brought joy, lively narratives, and a love of New York wherever she worked and lived.

Sister Joan earned a bachelor of science degree in education and history and a master's of education from Fordham University, New York City, in 1957 and 1966, respectively.

Friends and family are invited to a prayer service of remembrance on Friday, September 14, at 4:00 p.m., and to the Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, September 16, at 11:00 a.m., at New Sharon Chapel, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA, 19010. Preceding Mass, friends and family are welcome to attend the wake at 10:00 a.m. Funeral arrangements are handled by Donohue Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Society of the Holy Child Jesus – American Province, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, or make a gift online at [www.shcj.org/american/donate](http://www.shcj.org/american/donate).