Sister Joan McIntyre, SHCJ (Mother Mary Janet)

Teacher, Administrator, Counselor

November 2, 1931– December 4, 2015

Rosemont, Pennsylvania – Sister Joan McIntyre, SHCJ, who was a Sister of the Holy Child Jesus for 62 years, died peacefully at Holy Child Center in Rosemont, PA on Friday, December 4, 2015. She was 84.

For 60 years Sister Joan ministered with practicality and great interest in people – qualities she undoubtedly inherited from her parents. Sister Joan’s childhood was spent in Ventnor, NJ where she enjoyed those early years. It was difficult for Sister Joan to leave the fifth graders at St. James’ School when her family moved to Ardmore, PA, but at St. Colman’s she soon made fast friends and kept in touch with some of them for many years.

Sister Joan attended West Philadelphia Catholic Girls’ High School, class of ’49 where she was drawn by the joyous spirit of Mother Mary Terence, SHCJ. After graduation, Sister Joan went to work and, in 1950, she entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Three years later she began her teaching ministry at St. Edward’s School in Philadelphia. Among the challenges she faced in her nine years at St. Edward’s was teaching a class of over 60 boys and girls in 4th and 5th grade. A year at St. Lucy’s School preceded her move to Holy Family School in Portland, OR. Sister Joan taught there for nine years. After four years at Assumption School in Pasadena, CA she returned to St. Edward’s where she was principal for eight years; she was pleased to have more interaction with parents and students.

In 1982, she enjoyed a sabbatical in Berkeley, CA and remained there for another year to earn a master’s degree in Applied Theology. On her return to Philadelphia, Sister Joan worked in the Social Service Department of St. Gabriel’s Hall for five years. Later she was a counselor at Rosemont College, Cardinal Dougherty High School and in the Shalom Program until her retirement in 2001. Sister Joan remained on call for anyone in need.

Sister Joan earned a B.S. in Education from Villanova University in 1961, an M.Ed. from the University of Portland in 1965 and an M.A in Applied Theology from the School of Applied Theology in 1985.

She is survived by her brother James and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends and family are invited to a prayer service of remembrance on Tuesday, December 8 at 4:00 p.m., and to the Viewing at 10:00 a.m. and the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9 at New Sharon Chapel, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010 or [click here](https://www.chi-cash-advance.com/sforms/appeal1098/Contribute.aspx).