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***Sr. Ann Marie Damiani, C.S.JB., 77 years of age was a
Sister of St. John the Baptist for 59 years***

Sr. Ann Marie, C.S.JB. passed to her eternal reward peacefully at Staten Island University Hospital surrounded by the Sisters, her nephew Mark, friends and staff of the hospital on Friday, August 17, 2018. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on August 21, 2018 at St. John Villa Chapel, Staten Island, NY. Sister was interred at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY.

Sr. Ann Marie was born on December 2, 1940 in Brooklyn, NY. She entered the Sisters of St. John the Baptist on August 15, 1958 at Immaculate Heart Novitiate, Glen Cove, Long Island. Sister made her First Profession on July 4, 1960 in Immaculate Heart Novitiate, Glen Cove, Long Island. Sr. Ann Marie celebrated her Final Profession on August 29, 1965 at St. Dominic Convent, Bronx, NY.

Sr. Ann Marie was a teacher by profession. Her first classroom ministry experienced was at St. Dominic Elementary School, Bronx, NY taught 2nd grade in 1960-1961. From 1961-62 taught 6th grade and 1962-1968 taught grade 7 in the same school.

Sr. Ann Marie was transferred to St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, NY from 1968 to 1977 taught business courses in high school. She was appointed Superior of the Convent from 1973-1976 and Superior and Administrator from 1975-1976.

With Sister's teaching experience in the New York area, she was transferred to our owned school in New Jersey, Mt. St. John Academy, Gladstone from 1977-1980 teaching business courses to high school students. Sister was appointed assistant principal of the academy while



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residing with the Junior Professed Sisters in Immaculate Heart Novitiate in the same complex.

In 1982, Sister was transferred to St. James Convent, NYC and appointed Superior while teaching 8th grade at St. James Elementary Parish School.

Sr. Ann Marie ministered in many various capacities between NY and NJ areas: elected Provincial Councilor in 1981, took the position as Dean of Students in St. John Villa Academy High School, Staten Island from 1985-1997, appointed Assistant Principal/Teacher at St. Dominic Elementary Parish School from 1997-1999, chosen Provincial Secretary from 1999-2007, and appointed Superior at Providence Rest, Bronx, NY from 2013-2015.

Sr. Ann Marie's classroom and administrative ministries were not enough, she ventured on the aspect of Pastoral Care. Sister was a Pastoral Associate in St. Brigid Parish, NJ in 2008, from 2008-2011 Pastoral Associate in St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Stirling, NJ and ministered to the sick and homebound at Holy Rosary Parish, Staten Island from 2014-2018. Sister always expressed satisfaction, fulfillment and joy that she was able to minister with the sick and the elderly.

Sr. Ann Marie's gift of music and voice delighted us when she generously shared it in many of our community events. Sister enjoyed all types of food especially her favorite Italian cuisine. She has always positive aspects in life with a great pleasant attitude whether it be to her students, family, friends, Sisters and all people she met.

Sr. Ann Marie is survived by her sister Joan, brother- in-law James, nephews Mark & Matthew, grandniece and grandnephew and loving cousins.



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EULOGY – August 21, 2018

Sr. Ann Marie Damiani was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Bay Ridge to be exact. She loved Bayridge almost as much as she loved her chocolate. When watching one of her favorite shows, Blue Bloods, she would always point out that it took place in Brooklyn, in her Bay Ridge. She loved Brooklyn, she loved the Brooklyn Bridge and New York City. In reality there were very few things she didn't love. Mostly she loved her family her community and her greatest love of all was simple - she loved Life! She lived every moment with great joy. Throughout her life whether in trials and tribulations, even in her illness she always had a positive outlook knowing that God would take care and all things were in His hands. All would be well.

She was happy in all her ministries but she was especially happy these last few years at Holy Rosary ministering to the homebound. She would say they were her folks, her people. She loved to pray with them and bring them Jesus in the Eucharist. This deep faith came from her own prayer life. Her prayer life enriched all of us and everyone that she came in contact with.

Sr. Ann Marie spent many years at her beloved St. John Villa. First as a student then as a teacher and Dean of students. Often she said “those were the best years of my life “really those were the best years for the students’ lives that she touched. One student said, she was so tough making us wash the pots but we always knew she was fair and loved us. She respected us no matter what we did to get that detention. So it is fitting that we are here celebrating her life at Villa in this chapel where for so many years she prayed and rejoiced in her students’ accomplishments. In this chapel, where she joined her community in daily prayer. In this chapel, where during the liturgy she placed her heart and intentions for all those she knew and loved



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on the altar before her God. She was gifted with a beautiful singing voice and we all know that when you sing you pray twice. Leave it to Ann Marie to do two things at once. She did everything in a big way even singing.

Sr. Ann Marie's death came as she lived her life with intensity on that early Friday morning it was fast and furious. Her nephew Marc put it like this "Aunt Annmarie was like a tornado when she entered a room." She could accomplish more things in 10 minutes that would take most of us hours. Always doing the job with love even if she left you spinning. So, was her death fast intense, and yet so peaceful. She turned our lives upside down with that last tornado but that is how she wanted it, she was prepared to meet the God she loved and who loves her unconditionally.

Today each of us honor her memory and her legacy by promising to live our lives to the fullest believing that God will take care of us even in the smallest matters.

Her final words to us would be, "that all things work together unto good for those who love God."

Sr. Ann Marie thank you for showing us how to live life. Thank you for loving us and showing us the face of God.

Delivered by: Sr. Antonia Marie Zuffante, C.S.JB.
St. John Villa Chapel
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