



## **Sister Mary Martin Holly**

September 5, 1923 - December 27, 2011

On September 5, 1923, Helen Sylvia Holly was born to George J. Holly of Tresckow, PA and Susan C. Havrilla of Harwood, PA. On November 29, 1940, Helen entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse from her home parish church, St. Michael's. Sister Mary Martin made her Perpetual Vows on August 18, 1945. She received her B.S. degree from LeMoyne College and her M.S. degree from St. Bonaventure University. Her ministry was in education. Sister was a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher for over 16 years and also taught in various schools in New York, New Jersey and in California. During some of those years she was also a superior and principal.

In 1983 S. Mary Martin suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was a patient from 1984 through 1985. During this period of illness and recuperation, sister displayed courage, determination, patience, prayerfulness and a sense of humor which was her trademark. S. Mary Martin was very comforting to others. She would assist them in saying the rosary and would be a source of support and reassurance to many of the residents. This was S. Mary Martin's ministry. She carried these loving traits during her years of living at Jolenta Convent from 1985 to the time of her death.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 30, 2011 at St. Anthony Convent Chapel, 1024 Court Street, Syracuse, N.Y. Calling hours preceded the Mass. Burial followed in Assumption Cemetery.