

## Sister Margarita Laterza January 26, 2012



On September 25, 1927, Laura Maria Laterza was born to Andrea Laterza of Italy and Margaret Derolertis of Italy. Laura entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse on September 1, 1956 from her parish church, Our Lady of Pompei. On August 18, 1962, Sister Margarita made her final profession. Her date of naturalization was June 6, 1961.

S. Margarita's ministry was at Stella Maris Retreat House and St. Anthony Motherhouse. In 1965 S. Margarita was sent to our Pensione in Rome, Italy. She worked there from 1965 to 1985. She then returned to St. Anthony Motherhouse to be the sacristan of St. Anthony Convent Chapel. For the next 22 years S. Margarita was always seen working in her beloved chapel. If not working, she was praying. It is amazing what this little woman accomplished. Her smile was a sign of the peace and love she displayed. In the year 2007, S. Margarita retired to Jolenta Convent. Prayer was again her support and ministry.

On January 26, 2012, God took this little woman home. Her journey was finished and no doubt her eyes are smiling at the wonder she now beholds.

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, a Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Anthony Convent Chapel. Calling hours preceded the Mass. Burial followed in Assumption Cemetery.

Sister Margarita, may you rest in peace.