



## Sister Julia Scanlan, SC

Entered eternal life on April 13, 2020

Sister Julie (Julia) Scanlan, a member of the Sisters of Charity for 68 years, was certainly a woman worthy of the name she bore, ***Sister of Charity***. She was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Kelly) Scanlan and was one of eight children. Many of us came to know Julie's family through her stories of their early years and then the stories of her visits to them over many years. She especially enjoyed sharing about her nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. Martha's Vineyard was a special place for her in the summer with her sister, Queenie (Eileen).

The reading from the Book of Proverbs that was used for Julie's Prayer Service truly summed her up. Julie was truly a valiant, joyful, strong, patient, loving, and sharing woman. Anyone who knew her experienced

those descriptive words in some way in their encounters with her.

Julie loved teaching. She was an English major at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and earned master's degrees in Spirituality and in Social Work. She taught first in elementary school at St. Paul of the Cross School, Jersey City; Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Washington Township; and St. Mary School, Plainfield. She then taught in high schools at De Paul Regional High School, Wayne and at St. Mary, Jersey City. She also served as a Counselor at All Saints School, Jersey City and at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken.

Julie became the first full time Director of the Seton Associates in September of 1990 and served in this position for thirteen years. I was privileged to work with her in the early days of this initiative. Julie had not only a wonderful vision of what this could be, but the ability to create the structure and the programs to make it happen. She knew the importance of formation in the Charism of Charity for these women and men and developed some key foundational resources for them. The Seton Associate program flourished under her careful nurture and guidance. She made many trips to attend area meetings on a regular basis not only in New Jersey but in Connecticut. The tributes to Julie upon her death by so many of those women and men who became Seton Associates attest to the influence she had upon their lives.

Julie had great devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux and lived her ordinary life in an extraordinary way. She was a great listener and a faithful friend. It was a blessing that both she and Sister Maeve McDermott who had entered together and then lived together at Assumption/ All Saints Convent for 35 years\_ moved together to St. Joseph's Rehab and Nursing Home in Cedar Grove and were roommates there until Sister Julie's death on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Visiting them was always a good experience. They both loved company and always had some goodies they wanted to share with you.

Julie, you will be missed but we know that you will be with us always in spirit.

Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC