Anne (Nancy) Logan, SHCJ
August 6, 1934 – January 16, 2019
Teacher, Administrator, Pastoral Caregiver

The youngest of 13 children, Sister Nancy was born into a fun-loving family that found great joy in being together. The Logan family were members of Saint Edward Parish in Philadelphia, where Sister Nancy attended grade school and had been taught by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus. She never lost touch with the Sisters during her four years at John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School. She entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1953 and made her final vows in 1960. She became well known by her religious name Mother Joseph Sarto.

Despite her visual impairments, Sister Nancy was an excellent teacher. She taught at Saint Elizabeth School in New York City for 11 years before moving to Portland, OR, where she spent seven years teaching at Saint Rita School and Saint Charles School. In 1973, Sister Nancy returned to Philadelphia to teach at her alma mater -- Saint Edward School. Her quiet but strong leadership skills were recognized, and she was appointed superior at Saint Edward’s and then at Annunciation Convent in Washington, D.C.

In 1977, Sister Nancy received training in Group Dynamics at Hahnemann Hospital, where she honed her leadership and team-building skills. She relied on these skills as assistant principal at Saint Elizabeth’s and when she was named superior of Holy Child Center in 1981. One of several Holy Child Sisters trained in gerontology, Sister Nancy served a growing population of aging members in the American Province.

In 1985, Sister Nancy attended a certificate program in gerontology at the University of California, Los Angeles, after which she was assigned to Pastoral Care for the elderly at Saint Elizabeth Parish in New York City. Her patience and sharp listening skills inspired confidence in the senior adults while she, in turn, felt privileged to serve them. A full program blossomed under Sister Nancy’s leadership when she recruited volunteers to serve the elderly.

Sister Nancy returned to the Philadelphia area in 1993 and continued to volunteer her time and talent at senior adult programs and Holy Child Center. While her sight had continued to diminish, Sister Nancy’s compassion and concern for others remained vibrant to the end.

Sister Nancy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Villanova University in 1965 and a Master’s degree in Education from Portland University in 1973. She

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also completed a certificate program in gerontology at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, in 1985.

Sister Nancy joins her parents James and Catherine; brothers James, Gus, Thomas, Gerald, Edward, Reverend Joseph, SJ; and sisters Patricia Owens, Catherine Potts, Eliabeth Tuszl, and Mary Brown. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews.

Friends and family are invited to a prayer service of remembrance on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Child Chapel, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA, 19010. Preceding Mass, friends and family are welcome to attend the viewing at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Society of the Holy Child Jesus – American Province, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, or make a gift online at www.shcj.org/american/donate.