



**Jane Dawley, SHCJ**

June 25, 1933 – August 22, 2019  
Educator, Counselor

Rosemont, PA – Jane Dawley, SHCJ, who was a Sister of the Holy Child Jesus, died on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at age 86. For 64 years, she dedicated her life to the meaningful work of teaching, counseling, and serving others.

After spending her first 12 years of schooling at St. Mary School in Melrose, MA, where she was taught by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, and one year at Regis College, Sister Jane responded to God's call and entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1952. She made her first and final vows in 1955 and 1960, respectively.



Sister Jane's teaching ministry began at Holy Spirit School (1955-1956) in Sharon Hill, PA, and Assumption School (1956-1962) in Pasadena, CA. At Assumption, Sister Jane felt a special affinity for her English language learners, whose determination to succeed left a lasting impression on her. In 1962, she moved to West Catholic High School in Philadelphia, PA, where she taught for eight years (1962-1970), before serving as principal of Rosemont Senior School for four years (1970-1974).

For the next 25 years, Sister Jane was a counselor, first at St. Leonard Academy (1974-1975) in Philadelphia, PA, next at Connelly School of the Holy Child (1975-1978) in Potomac, MD, and then at Rosemont College in Rosemont, PA, where she spent 10 years (1978-1988). Having earned a master's degree in counseling, Sister Jane established a counseling center at the College and developed a program for older adults that enhanced the Rosemont College Educational Advancement Program (REAP).

In 1989, Sister Jane welcomed the opportunity to serve with the Sisters of Mercy at Gwynedd Mercy Academy, where her counseling efforts eased the post-high school transition for the school's college-bound students. Sister Jane felt that Cornelia Connelly and Catherine McCauley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, were kindred spirits whose charisms merged at Gwynedd. As such, Sister Jane worked diligently to extend the Incarnational charism of Cornelia at the school.

At Sister Jane's 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, she shared, "I have been blessed to be a Holy Child Sister. The support I have received from my Sisters and the opportunities to develop spiritually as well as intellectually cannot be overstated." *(continued on page two)*

She joins her parents James and Mary (Colbert) and siblings Frank, Joe, Robert, and Mary Bryan in eternal rest. She is survived by Ruth Dawley, SHCJ, and two brothers Jack and Walter, devoted friend Marilyn McBride, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Friends and family are invited to a prayer service of remembrance on Thursday, August 29, at 4:00 p.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, August 30, 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 the Society of the Holy Child Jesus – American Province, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, or donate online at [www.shcj.org/american/donate](http://www.shcj.org/american/donate).