

Sister Mary Shalome Zalapukes
December 22, 1913 - May 18, 2008



Secular Name: Teresa Salome
Entrance: June 6, 1930
Place of Birth: Elizabeth NJ
Parents: Joseph and Salome
Siblings: Mary, John, Veronica
Elementary School: S.S. Peter and Paul
High School: St. Francis Academy
Higher Education: Duquesne University
B.A.; M.S. Education

Ministry:

From 1930 to 1974 Sister Shalome taught in many of our schools throughout Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, Ohio, New Jersey and Connecticut. She taught every level from the first grade through high school seniors. During a number of these years she also tutored GI's returning from Vietnam and mothers who aspired to receive their GED's.

Following these years, Sister Shalome was trained in Pastoral Services and began working in that field. She worked in mental hospitals and parishes, as well as volunteering at several more. She worked as Chaplain, Associate Chaplain, Director of Pastoral Care, Director of Religious Education and Food Bank Coordinator. Her last two ministries took her to Ft. Myers and Panama City in Florida.

One of Sister Shalome's final and happiest ministries was the time she spent at the Damien Ministries in Washington, DC, an organization devoted to assisting persons living with HIV/Aids. Sister Shalome found this last phase of her ministerial life to be so fulfilling and gratifying. Even as she entered retirement, Sister Shalome remained enthusiastic for serving the people of God.



“Well done, good and faithful servant.”