

Sister Maria Giovanni Sarnauskas
October 26, 1929 – June 4, 2010



Secular Name: Maria Thereza Sarnoski
Entered: October 4, 1948

Place of Birth: Mooça, São Paulo, Brasil
Parents: Casemiro Sarnauskas and
Sophia Sabaliuaskis

Siblings: Francisco

Ministry:

Sister M. Giovanni Sarnauskas born in Mooça, São Paulo after her parents emigrated to Brazil. They had only two children, Maria Thereza and her brother Francisco.

Maria Thereza entered in 1948 and began her novitiate on July 14, 1949. Her first profession was on July 16, 1950 on the Feast of Our Lady of Carmel.

In her first years of profession she was sent to Poços de Caldas, Minas Gerais to continue her studies. In 1953 she returned to São Paulo to teach religion classes at St. Michael the Archangel School. Following her perpetual profession she was transferred to Pius XII School in Morumbi as a primary teacher. After three years she returned to St. Michael's where she served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal until 1993, when she began to show signs of Alzheimer disease. She then assumed small tasks and work as an artisan for as long as she could.

In 2000, with her illness advancing, she was transferred to Recanto Paz e Bem where she received constant loving care until she died on June 4, 2010.

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because when she has stood the test, she will receive the crown of life.”

(James 1:12)