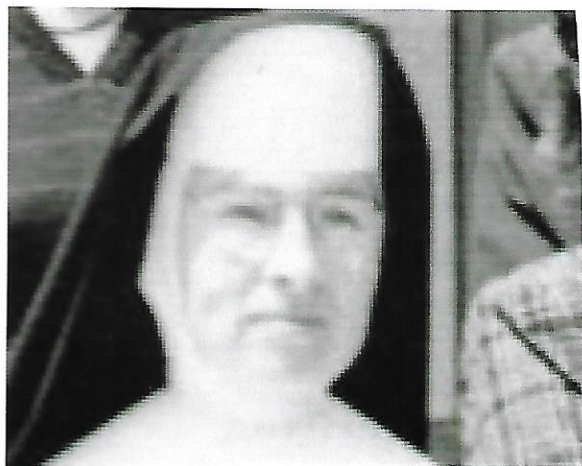


Sister Mary Cristina Zakarevicius
October 16, 1921 – May 9, 2011



Secular Name: Janina Zakarevicius
Entered: January 5, 1947

Place of Birth: Rokiskis, Lithuania
Parents: Jonas Zakarevicius and Verônica Skrebyte

Siblings: two

Ministry:

Sister M. Cristina was from a small family, with only three children; one died as a child. They emigrated to Vila Zelina in the state of São Paulo from Lithuania.



Janina, along with her friend Joana (Sr. Bernarda) were on the port of Santos to receive our pioneer sisters in 1938. She entered the congregation and on July 14, 1947 she began her novitiate, receiving the name Sister Maria Cristina. Her first profession took place on July 16, 1948.

Sister Cristina continued her studies while teaching religion in St. Michael the Archangel School. She pronounced her perpetual vows on July 16, 1951. Then in 1959 she was assigned to Pius XII School in Morumbi where she taught mathematics and design. Later she worked with catechism classes and maintenance at the school. She also had a life-long artistic flare, lavishly decorating the churches for special feasts, producing beautiful oil paintings, and engaging in Lithuanian dance and song.

In 1981 Sister M. Cristina returned to Vila Zelina, becoming the treasurer of St. Michael the Archangel School. She dedicated her life to the education of children and adolescents in these two schools. She was instrumental in the construction of our schools and house in Atibaia, SP.

In 2004 Sister Cristina was transferred to Recanto Paz e Bem where she served as local minister and then as treasurer as long as her health allowed. She died on October 9, 2011.



“Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her.”

(Proverbs 31:31)