



**Sr. Theresa Lepera, MSC**

I was born in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania and I made my Final Profession as a Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1966.

My ministry took the form of health care. In 1955 I began studying nursing and by 1961 had become Maternity Supervisor at Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, PA where I remained until 1972.

Called to serve my congregation as Provincial Councilor and Retirement Director, and eventually Provincial Superior, I did so until 1986.

From 1988 until 1995 I focused on caring for low-income women at Our Lady of Good Counsel Center in Philadelphia. This experience was very rewarding.

Returning to the Motherhouse in 1995 as Co-Coordinator, I also served as Archivist and then once again as Provincial Councilor before being assigned Motherhouse Administrator. By 2003 I began my final administrative role as Assistant Administrator of Sacred Heart Villa, our assisted-living facility, and retired in 2010.

I now live with several of my fellow Sisters at St. Joseph Villa in Reading, and I focus on prayer ministry as my means of living the MSC charism: "Being graced by the Love of Christ, we the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart are called to respond to His love and to make that love present to everyone."