## Sister June Favata, S.C.

Sister June Favata, S.C., (formerly Sister Ellen Jude) 85, a beloved member of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth for 64 years, peacefully entered into eternal life on Monday, September 8, 2025, at Saint Catherine of Siena Health Care Facility, Caldwell, New Jersey.

Born in Teaneck, New Jersey, Sister June was the daughter of Ciro and Elizabeth (Miraglia) Favata. She earned a B.A. in English from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and an M.A. in English and Communication Arts from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.

A gifted educator, Sister June, shared her talents with students throughout New Jersey. She taught at Saint Teresa School,



Summit; Saint Mary High School, Jersey City; and Saint Patrick High School, Elizabeth. In 1969, she began her more than five-decade ministry at Saint Vincent Academy, Newark, where she served as English teacher, Program Director, Vice Principal, Administrative Director, and ultimately, President of Saint Vincent Academy, Inc. She also ministered as Director of Central Communication at the Convent of Saint Elizabeth.

Known as the heart and soul of Saint Vincent Academy, Sister June dedicated her life to the education and empowerment of young women. She was widely recognized for her commitment to excellence in teaching and received numerous honors, including Princeton University's Prize for Distinguished Secondary School Teaching.

Sister June embodied the virtues Saint Vincent de Paul called essential to a Sister of Charity—humility, simplicity, and charity. She will be remembered for her faithful, dynamic, and loving spirit, her compassionate heart, and her unwavering commitment to service.

Her legacy lives on in the thousands of young women whose lives she shaped through education, encouragement, and love. Sister June's wisdom, kindness, and belief in the potential of every student will continue to inspire generations to come. She also cherished her family deeply, treasuring every opportunity to share in their lives, celebrate their milestones, and offer her love and support. Her devotion to both her religious community and her family was a hallmark of her life and ministry.

Sister June was predeceased by her parents Ciro and Elizabeth Favata, her sisters Dolores Butler and Sally Stewart Colosanti. She is survived by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, her dearest friend Sister Margaret Killough, as well as a countless number of beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great nieces and great-great nephews, extended family, cherished colleagues, and friends. Among them, her niece Janet Krakowski, whom Sister June deeply loved and appreciated, held a special place in her heart. Janet's loyal and faithful presence at her bedside during her illness was a source of great comfort and a testament to their enduring bond.

The wake for Sister June will be held at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, New Jersey on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM. Burial in Holy Family Cemetery, Convent Station, will immediately follow the Mass. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stephen J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service. The Mass will be livestreamed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the **Sister June Favata Scholarship Fund**, Saint Vincent Academy, 228 West Market Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103, or to the **Sisters of Charity Development Fund**, P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961, would be appreciated.

May she rest in the peace of Christ, whom she served so faithfully.