

## SISTER LAWRENCE MAHON, SC



Sister Lawrence Mahon, (98), a dedicated Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth for 81 years, died January 8, 2026, at Complete Care at Saint Vincent's, Cedar Grove, NJ.

Sister Lawrence was born in Newark, New Jersey, the daughter of Charles and Margaret (Comiskey) Mahon. She entered the Sisters of Charity on September 8, 1944, and served the Church and the people of New Jersey for many years. Throughout her religious life, Sister Lawrence responded to new situations and needs with dedication and openness.

Sister Lawrence graduated from the College (University) of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, New Jersey with a B.S. degree in Mathematics and from St. Peter's College, Jersey City with a M.A. degree in Administration & Supervision.

Sister Lawrence served in the ministry of education for more than fifty years. She was an elementary school teacher at Saint Joseph's School, Jersey City, NJ, Saint Peter's School, New Brunswick, NJ and Saint Michael's School, Union City, NJ. Sister Lawrence taught mathematics at Saint Joseph's Regional High School, Montvale, NJ and Saint Mary's High School, Jersey City, NJ and Paramus Catholic Girls High School, Paramus, NJ.

Sister Lawrence served at Paramus Catholic Girls High School for 28 years – as teacher, Vice-Principal and Principal. She began her ministry there in 1967, just two years after the opening of the school. In addition to teaching mathematics, Sister Lawrence served as the school's first Athletic Director. At the time there were no girls' sports offered there. Sister Lawrence was responsible for the development of the school's interscholastic athletic program which offered girls the opportunity to take part in almost any sport in which they were interested. She was active in several statewide athletic associations and served as president of the Bergen County Woman Coaches Association.

In 2000, Sister Lawrence enrolled in the "Mission in Transition" program at St. Joseph Hospital & Medical Center, Paterson, NJ. This program provided Sister Lawrence and other sisters with the opportunity to experience various roles within the hospital. Following this experience Sister Lawrence served at St. Joseph's as a Patient Representative at both the Paterson and Wayne campuses, as Vice President for Mission in Paterson and as Patient Advocate in the Emergency Department at the Paterson location. Sister Lawrence was known for her compassionate presence in the hospital, offering prayerful support and kindness to patients, families and staff.

In 2010 a sculpture was placed in the main entrance courtyard at St. Joseph's Health in Paterson. The sculpture depicts several figures representing the spectrum of patient care provided by the healthcare system. One of the figures is a Sister of Charity, to pay tribute to the Sisters of Charity who founded the hospital. Sister Lawrence was the model for that figure.

When Sister Lawrence retired and moved to the Convent of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ, she volunteered at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, where she assisted in the office.

Sister Lawrence loved her family dearly. She was proud of each member of her family and enjoyed sharing stories about their lives and accomplishments. Sister Lawrence had strong faith, and she prayed for her family and for the needs of the world each day.

Sister Lawrence was predeceased by her parents, her sister, Sister Teresa Marie Mahon, SC, her brothers William, Thomas, and Charles and her grandniece Dawn Wendt. She is survived by the Sisters of Charity, many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces and great grandnephews.

The wake for Sister Lawrence Mahon will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM in Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, NJ. The Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 AM and will be livestreamed. Burial will follow in Holy Family Cemetery, Convent Station, NJ. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of SJ Priola Parsippany Funeral Servicers, Lake Hiawatha, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sister Lawrence Mahon to the Sisters of Charity Office of Legacy and Mission Advancement, PO Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0476, would be greatly appreciated.