



Sister Teresa Scottino, CSJ
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Teresa Scottino, Sister and Friend, looks down on us today with her quiet smile, thinking, I wish you all know what I now know!

Born in Los Angeles on December 2, 1945, her birth interrupted a party event, her parents, Pascal and Catherine Scottino were attending and enjoying! This might explain her love for friends and family parties, which only increased with age!

A daughter of Italian descent, Teresa was the genuine embodiment of what it means to be born with the DNA that is known for two outstanding characteristics, one, love of God and family, and two, love of fine wine!

Teresa's family was a blessing which nurtured extensive inclusiveness. All were welcome to the riches of their tables of boundless love. As she grew in that loving family, Teresa's heart reached out with compassion to those, who, for many different reasons, were denied those blessings.

The Scottino's were parishioners of St. John's Church in Hyde Park where she also attended school. So, headed in a CSJ direction, it was also in the cards that she attend St. Mary's Academy. Called by God's inspiration, and a desire to reach out to "the dear neighbor" led to her decision to become a Sister of St. Joseph. After graduation from St. Mary's in 1963 Teresa attended El Camino College for one year and entered the community September 8, 1964. She received the habit on August 6, 1965, and made final vows on August 4, 1972.

Her early years of ministry were in grade school. She went on to earn her MA license for family counseling in 1985—a ministry she served for the rest of her years. Teresa served in Province leadership as a regional superior and on various

community committees. She was supportive of community endeavors and had a strong orientation for justice. Throughout her life, she honed her natural gifts of caring and compassion bringing her Italian touch and quiet presence; the perfect compliments, to any occasion.

Who can resist the sweet wine of listening and encouraging presence? Or dry wine for the simple joys of just being together and deeper sharing. In short, always, the right wine! That's what Teresa offered.

Her formation as a counselor was shaped by her initial experiences, five years of teaching and parish ministry. Widening her experiences in a variety of ministries, at St. Vincent's Center, detox and alcohol centers, skid row, hours of counseling, in person, on zoom, or on phone. Her availability was never an issue.

Her greatest gift was never needing to be the center of attention but that of giving attention. Her friendship and love will always remain in our hearts. How blessed we are!

Rest now in peace, dear sister, aunt, and friend.

~ Sister Maureen Doherty, CSJ