

— Calvary Testimonial —



BY CLARE C. GARETANO

In October 1975, I rode with my mother, Catherine, in the ambulance to Calvary Hospital on Macombs Road and Featherbed Lane in the Bronx. The brain cancer made her unaware of where she was going. But I was filled with anger and pain. My brother, Philip, and I had sworn to have Catherine die peacefully at home, but her doctors advised against it. While Philip parked his car, I reluctantly strode up the inside steps into the waiting arms of a tall, smiling nun. She enveloped me in her arms and said, “You can stop fighting. You’re at Calvary. Your mother is safe.” My anger and fear dissolved. Catherine, Philip and I had entered a place of music, laughter and love where pain was kept at bay by people dedicated to palliative care; a place of joy and compassion.

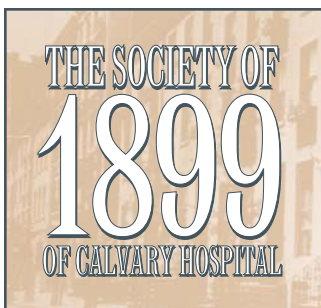
Sixteen years later, I accompanied Philip to the “new” Calvary on Eastchester Road. It was another painful trip, but there was neither anger nor trepidation. I knew into whose care I was entrusting my “baby” brother. During those sixteen years, he had never stopped sending money to Calvary even when he was having financial difficulties. We both felt it was a sacred debt.

I have named Calvary in my will because it is the least I can do for the place to which I entrusted my mother and brother. Calvary never betrayed that trust.

*Clare Garetano is a member
of The Society of 1899.*

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**By providing a gift for Calvary in her will
Clare automatically qualified for membership
in the Hospital’s Society of 1899.**



IN ADDITION TO REMEMBERING CALVARY with a bequest in your will, here are some other ways to make a gift to the Hospital which will entitle you to membership in The Society of 1899:

- ☞ SAVINGS ACCOUNT GIFT
- ☞ CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES and TRUSTS
- ☞ LIFE INSURANCE
- ☞ REAL ESTATE
- ☞ RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS such as IRAs, or 401(k), 403(b) and KEOUGH PLANS



For more information, or to let us know that you have already included Calvary in your estate plan, please contact:

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