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Dorothea Hahn of St. Andrews parish, who volunteers on Fridays, ends her day in the chapel at St. Ann's.

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children she taught, even if it meant delaying the creeping advances age is making on her. Instead, she exclaims "Weren't we lucky to grow up when we did! Nowadays the world seems so overpowering and scary for young people. They have so much to face." A great many of them may owe their ability to face the world to her help.

May is Older Americans Month, a time for recognizing and appreciating the past and present contributions of the senior generation.

"Our nation was created by their work and wisdom," said Sister Marie Michelle Peartree, president of St. Ann's Home and the Heritage. "But in our youth-oriented society, they are put on shelves. Their fruitful years are forgotten, they're socked away in homes, and their families and peers die or move away."

Sister Marie Michelle and other staff members at the Irondequoit facility hope the elderly will be remembered this month.

"We all need to take time to visit our older friends in their homes, and to praise what they've done and continue to do," Sister Marie Michelle said.

'The aged shall not be forgotten ... The love and responsibility of the generations, one for another, lie in Our Lord's limitless love.'

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John Davis of St. Margaret Mary's takes time out to have his portrait taken.



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Informal gatherings are a common sight in the many lounges at St. Ann's.