

Sister Casey marks 80th jubilee

ROCHESTER — Not only did Sister Clare Casey come to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester from another diocese, she came to the congregation from another country as well. Born Jan. 10, 1891, in Toronto, Canada, Sister Casey came to Rochester to live with her brothers after the siblings' parents had died.



While not a native of the diocese, she has dedicated her life to serving 80 years as a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester.

Sister Casey is being honored this year for her years of service to the diocesan community. She is the senior member of all area women religious celebrating their jubilee years.

A 1908 graduate of Nazareth Academy, Sister Casey was received into the Sisters of St. Joseph on Sept. 8, 1908. She entered the congregation's novitiate Aug. 14, 1909, took her first vows Aug. 22, 1911,

and her final vows Sept. 16, 1916. She became a U.S. citizen May 1, 1923.

In 1909, she began a teaching career that would span 66 years and take her to such schools as St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Augustine's, St. Anthony of Padua, and Holy Apostles in Rochester; St. Patrick's in Dansville; and St. Francis DeSales in Geneva.

In addition, she served as a principal and superior at St. Patrick's, Dansville, St. Anthony's and Holy Apostles.

Sister Margaret Lombardo, a friend of Sister Casey's for many years, recalled that the jubilarian had a great love for children, and that the children reciprocated those feelings.

"She just had a special, natural way of being with children," Sister Lombardo said, adding that many of Sister Casey's students still write or visit her. "They loved her as a teacher."

Even to this day when school children visit the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary where Sister Casey currently lives, they gather around the jubilarian, Sister Lom-

bardo said.

A lover of walking, Sister Casey thought nothing of taking long treks from one school or one parish to another. And sisters who tried to keep up with her had a hard time, Sister Lombardo said.

Sister Casey also liked to travel, regularly venturing to different parts of the diocese to see friends, relatives and other Sisters of St. Joseph. She has traveled to Europe as well, and to California to visit her nephew.

Sister Casey retired as a teacher in 1964 after seven years at St. Francis DeSales School in Geneva. She remained at the school as a classroom assistant, and to help with the remedial reading program until 1975.

She also spent time visiting sick friends and parishioners at Geneva General Hospital.

In 1975, Sister Casey retired to the St. Joseph's Infirmary. Currently, she is part of the congregation's prayer ministry team, providing prayers for Guardian Angels Parish in Rochester.

Jubilarians include four sisters from other orders

Also celebrating jubilees are four sisters from various orders serving in the Rochester diocese.

Sister Ellen Frawley, r.c., is marking her 50th year as a Religious of the Cenacle. Since 1980, she has served in the ministry office of Rochester's Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal, arranging and offering retreats and other programs. Before coming to Rochester, Sister Frawley served at a Cenacle on Long Island.

She also served at Rochester's Cenacle for a period of 10 months in 1955.

Celebrating 25-year jubilees are: Sister David Marie, a member of the Order of Preachers at Elmira's Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen.

Sister Rita Habecker, a School Sister of Notre Dame who has spent the past six years as a foster mother with the Andrew Center. Previously, she was a principal at several diocesan elementary schools, including Holy Ghost and Holy Family schools.

Sister Marie Clair Stoe, SSND, religious education director at St. Joseph's Parish, Rush, for the past three years. Sister Stoe has also served in religious education at St. Mary of the Assumption, Scottsville, St. Philip Neri and Holy Ghost, Rochester, which was her home parish.

Sisters of St. Joseph honor jubilarians

For nearly 40 of her 75 years as a Sister of St. Joseph, Sister M. Lumina Kregar served as housekeeper at the congregation's motherhouse on East Avenue.



Before moving to the motherhouse, she was a cook for several parishes, including St. Agnes, Avon, Sacred Heart, Rochester, and Immaculate Conception, Rochester.

Sister Lucida Rice served elementary students at Nativity, Brockport, St. Augustine's, St. Ambrose and St. Jerome's schools, among others, during 57 years as a teacher and classroom assistant.



Since retiring in 1977, Sister Rice lives at St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary.

60 years

Sister Mary Roch Basso has served St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira since 1930 with only brief exceptions. Best known as the supervisor of the maternity department, she also headed the hospital's medical nursing unit for many years.

She now volunteers her service to St. Joseph's Hospital in whatever area she is most needed.

Sister Grace Conway taught in diocesan elementary schools for most of her 60 years with the congregation. In 1964, however, she served as a housemother for residents at St. Joseph's Villa.

Since retiring, Sister Conway engages in prayer ministry and auxiliary services at the motherhouse.

Sister Anne Elizabeth Cooney began teaching at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, in September, 1930, and still tutors children at Trinity Montessori School.

During the intervening half century, Sister Cooney served schools in Elmira, Owego and Rochester, including Nazareth Hall, Mother of Sorrows, St. Pius Tenth and Holy Apostles.

Outside her classroom duties, she taught piano lessons and religious education as well as Head Start programs and teacher education.

Sister Liguori Dunlea worked as a nurse, nursing instructor and supervisor for nearly 50 years.

She served St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira as a nursing instructor and supervisor from 1935-1961, when she moved to Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma, Ala. After nine years as a nursing instructor in Selma,

she returned to Rochester and St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary, where she worked until retiring in 1983.

Sister Marie Martin Madigan taught a variety of skills and subjects, including art, creative writing and cooking, as well as elementary school classes at Immaculate Conception, Rochester, and St. Michael's, Penn Yan.

From 1951-63, Sister Madigan taught special education classes at the School of the Holy Childhood.

She currently serves Immaculate Conception Parish in Rochester as a tutor, and assists with children's art projects for religious education and liturgies.

Sister Ursula Reardon taught business classes for more than 35 years at Nazareth Academy. She came to the Lake Avenue school from St. Stephen's, Geneva, where she taught for nine years.

Retired in 1977, she moved to St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary in 1982.

Sister Frances Reddy was an elementary school teacher for nearly 50 years, serving at such schools as Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira, St. Monica's and St. Ambrose, Rochester, and St. Paul's, Owego, where she stayed from 1938-1953.

Since retiring in 1977, Sister Reddy has engaged in prayer ministry for St. Ann's Home and Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Sister Agnes Paula Shambo has worked as a teacher and tutor in many diocesan schools, including St. Michael's, Penn Yan, St. Augustine's, Rochester, and St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls.

At present, Sister Shambo serves as parish visitor for St. Mary's in Waterloo.

50 years

Sister Margarita Boyle has worked primarily as a housekeeper, serving at parishes in Corning and Elmira for 24 years before returning to St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary, where she engages in prayer ministry.

Since 1979, Sister Francis Cecilia English has worked as a librarian at Nazareth Academy. Previously, she taught in both

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Diocesan administrators, teachers plan conference

More than 1,000 Catholic school administrators and teachers are expected to attend the annual Superintendent's Day conference on Thursday, Oct. 26, at Notre Dame High School, and Friday, Oct. 27, at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

The conference is sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester's Catholic School Office.

Father Michael Garanzini, S.J., will be the keynote speaker for the conference. The priest from St. Louis University will deliver a lecture on "Changing Families: What is Happening to the American Family," focusing on what impact changes to the family are having on Catholic schools.

Principals' workshop set for Diocese of Rochester

CANANDAIGUA — The annual diocesan Principals' Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 1-3, at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

The workshop is sponsored by the diocesan education office.

Presentations will be made by Rachel Smith, who works in the state education department's Office of Non-Public Schools; Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, director of the Diocesan Division of Education; and Sister Edwardine Weaver, RSM, of the University of Rochester.

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