



portant," said Sister **Benedicta Redmond**, a native of Rochester. "Teaching children is a rewarding experience. For the past 60 years I have had this privilege."



Sister Redmond is currently a remedial math teacher at St. Mary's School in Canandaigua.

Sister Monica Schaeffer is a native of Rochester.



"My ministry of teaching which I enjoyed took me to many different areas in the diocese. This in itself was very, very stimulating. My many years in the primary grades were most gratifying for in those age groups, you experience the unfolding and joy of inquisitive little minds."

Sister Schaeffer is currently involved in congregational services.

"The religious life was a desire I had ever since I was a girl in grade school," recalled Sister **Marie Alice Schauseil**, a native of Rochester.



"That desire never left me so when I was older I just had to do something about it, even though it meant leaving my twin sister. I became a Sister of St. Joseph. I have been happy for my entire 60 years in religious life."

Sister Schauseil, who began her teaching career in Elmira, has taught in many schools. She currently serves as a librarian and religious education teacher at St. Mary Our Mother School in Horseheads.

Celebrating 50 years

A native of Auburn, Sister **Marjorie Burger** established Rochester's Most Precious Blood School, taught at the former St. Agnes High School, and is currently the nursing secretary at the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent Infirmary.



Sister **Joanne Clark** is a native of Deferet, N.Y.



"I greatly enjoyed my many years of teaching students in the elementary grades. It has been gratifying to learn that years later many had accomplished success in various fields. My greatest joy, however, was in music. Most of my religious life has been spent in training choirs and choruses. It was very rewarding to know of the joy which these efforts brought to others both in liturgy and in concert."

Sister Clark currently serves as the building coordinator at St. Lawrence School's Early Education Program.

"Of the many ministries in which I have participated, the one that gives me the most satisfaction is my 10 years baking altar breads," said Sister **Veronica Marie Freida**, a native of Rochester.



"There were many pressures, long hours, and tensions since the orders for altar breads in the diocese was supplied by us. But always there was the thought that I am providing our dear Lord's earthly home many times over and that made everything worthwhile."

"Another ministry in which I worked was as a nurse's aid and in the billing department at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. Bringing physical and spiritual help to those in need cannot be surpassed. The individuals helped were always so grateful and many became true friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph."

Sister **Freida** is now involved in congregational services.

Sister **Dolores Anne Huether** is a native of Rochester.



"I am grateful for my 50 years as a Sister of St. Joseph and I am happy to have experienced Vatican II and all the advances made in the technological fields — TV, videos, computers, lasers, printers, etc. All these advances have brought me closer to communion with the people who are church and closer to God our Creator."

"I cannot imagine myself being anything but a Sister of St. Joseph and doing whatever was asked of me."

Sister Huether is a business teacher at The Nazareth Schools.

"In all my various ministries I have been happy and grateful that I could be a Sister of St. Joseph, serving God through my neighbor without distinction," said Sister **Frances Macaluso**, a native of Mt. Morris.



Sister **Kathleen Maloney** is a native of Elmira.



"Teaching science was a favorite ministry; I enjoyed discovering and was eminently happy as I observed students doing the same."

"Currently I am involved in grants writing," she added. "In my visiting ministries to gather data for proposals, I'm humbled and edified by the sisters in their overwhelming response to today's needs."

Sister Maloney currently serves as grant coordinator for the congregation.

"I consider it a privilege to be spending my life among people of strong faith and commitment to the service of our neighbors," said Sister **Joan McDowell**, a native of Keedysville, Md.



Sister McDowell is the order's communications coordinator.

Sister **Jeanne Agnes Michaud** is a native of Rochester.



"I was following a car with a collection of hats in its back window and I thought: religious, teacher, personal secretary, librarian, archivist — I collect hats, too! As I look back, I think whatever hat I was wearing at any given point in my life was the most satisfying. Contentment in one's vocation is a great blessing and I feel gratefully blessed."

Sister Michaud is now archivist and

director of the congregation's Religious Life Resource Center.

"I am very grateful that after 24 years of teaching, I was able to become a nurse and work at St. Ann's Home, where I could use my gift of love for the elderly and the sick," said Sister **Jane Marie Mulligan**, a native of Utica.



"Since I lived at St. Ann's, I was also able to visit the sick and dying and be present with the residents frequently at the Eucharist."

Sister Mulligan currently serves as assistant local coordinator at the motherhouse.

Sister **Marie Michelle Peartree** is a native of Rochester. She holds master's degrees in hospital administration and education.



"My ministries to the elderly and to education have certainly been the most rewarding life experiences I have had as a Sister of St. Joseph. Gratefully, the education to pursue and fulfill the missions of these ministries was provided by my congregation as well as an ongoing trust and confidence in my efforts."

"Being an educator of young people and then being able to not only advocate on the behalf of the elderly but also facilitate the provision of care and services for them have made my years most satisfying and very happy."

"Living and working at St. Ann's for the greater part of my SSJ years has had the greatest impact on my life of service to others. Witnessing the spirit and faith of our residents as they live out the later years of life, and, watching the dedication and commitment of hundreds of employees to the residents have enriched and strengthened my life."

Sister Peartree is president of St. Ann's Home/The Heritage, 1500 Portland Ave., Rochester.

Sister **Joseph Gilmory Russell** is a native of Rochester.



"In one of his very first talks as bishop of Rochester, Bishop (Bernard J.) McQuaid shared these thoughts with our sisters:

"There is no work that has the far-reaching, widespread and lasting charity that can be compared with the work of the Catholic school."

"As I look back on 50 years as a Sister of St. Joseph, I take great comfort in the knowledge that I have been in just about every aspect of the work of the Catholic elementary school," Sister Russell said. "I have been a teacher, administrator, and director of personnel. I remember the glory days when classrooms were bursting at the seams. I also have vivid memories of the pain and distress that school closings brought. Today I rejoice in the hope and promise of a new era of strong schools that the reorganization process has designed. Through the glad times and the sad times, I share with Bishop McQuaid the unswerving conviction that one of life's best and greatest works is the education of the young."

"Hopefully, these 50 years in education have enabled me to help youngsters touch a future that reaches to eternity, that reaches straight to God. The thought gives comfort and satisfaction to the long years I have spent in the ministry of education. It is the best and most lasting of gifts at this time of Jubilee."

Sister Russell is the motherhouse's administrator.

"It has been a great privilege to be in religious life during these years of exciting changes in the church," said Sister **Mary Agnes Tierney**, a native of Rochester. "We've experienced a great transition, a time of tremendous contrast. Pre-Vatican II left us with a treasure of rich memories. Post-Vatican II has been a time filled with fantastic changes, challenges, and continual new awakenings."



Sister Tierney currently works in The Nazareth Schools' attendance office.

Sister **Louise Weber** is a native of Rochester.



"During my 50 years as a Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester, I have had two long-term ministries. I have been associated with Nazareth College for over 35 years — as faculty, administrator, and currently as adviser to the Alumni Board. Students always impress me with their eagerness to learn and their desire to help others. Many of the alumni are now very good friends. Frequently they call to ask for prayers for family or friends, and thus, I am able to continue to share with them their sorrows and joys."

"In 1975 at the General Chapter of the Sisters of St. Joseph, I was elected to the central administration at which time I was asked to assume the responsibility of treasurer of the congregation. Both positions were a challenge to me and with a very cooperative team and staff, the support, encouragement, and help of all the members of our congregation, I was able to meet this challenge successfully."

Sister Weber is currently involved in the congregation's development office, and volunteers at School of the Holy Childhood.

Celebrating 25 years

Sister **Jeanne Marie Day** is a native of Auburn.



"I served four years at St. Joseph's Villa as a junior high school teacher and resident of St. Bernard's cottage. I have vivid memories of strong role models and deep relationships developed with staff and the adolescents with whom I worked and lived. The word mission looms large when I remember the blood, sweat, tears, and laughter of those days. I am left with a sense of pride and gratitude for the Sisters of St. Joseph who supported, nurtured, loved, and challenged me through those years of commitment to children yearning for the love, respect, and care that was/is their right."

Sister Day has served as coordinator of the Mastery Learning Program, a math teacher, and a guidance assistant at the Nazareth Schools.

"I am happy to be a Sister of St. Joseph," said Sister **Kathleen Navarra**, a native of Watertown. "Religious life has changed greatly in 25 years. I believe our role today is to model for the Church and all people how to change, to be more human, and to live together in peace and hope."



Sister Navarra is director of evangelization at Rochester's Church of the Annunciation, 1754 Norton St.