

Jubilee celebrations note 50th, 25th years for several Sisters of St. Joseph members

EDITORS' NOTE: This is the second of a two-part series.

The following Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester celebrating their jubilees were honored with a Sept. 23 liturgy and reception at the SSJ Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave.

The order's public-relations department asked the jubilarians about their ministerial careers. The following are selected remarks by those sisters observing their 50th and 25th anniversaries.

50 years

Sister Agnes Catherine Battersby, SSJ, an Elmira native, began her teaching career in 1946 and served as principal of St. Mary's School in Canandaigua and DeSales High School in Geneva. Additionally, she served as pastoral assistant at St. Patrick's in Corning and as a member of the congregation's Central Administration. Sister Agnes Catherine finds pastoral ministry very rewarding, but added, "I've loved every place I've been and I'm very grateful for all the people I have had the opportunity to work with."

Sister Agnes Catherine is currently pastoral assistant at St. James Church in Waverly.

Sister Ann d'Assisi Donofrio, SSJ, a Rochester native, remarked, "The min-



istry of teaching is my great delight! By working with children, it is possible to open their hearts and minds to understand God's love for them, to unlock their God-given talents and build their self-confidence. I have fond memories of my early years of teaching in Elmira, Ithaca and Corning where, in addition to teaching, I worked with children's choir as they sang in praise of God. It was also a privilege preparing them for First Holy Communion. Most recently, these past 22 years at Nazareth Hall have been enriching, teaching multicultural groups of children, all accepting and working with each other — practicing, as in the Gospels — we are all one in Christ."

Sister Ann now teaches at Nazareth Hall in Rochester.

Sister Helen Goschke (Sister Francis Helen), SSJ, a Rochester native, said, "Twenty-four years of teaching grade-school pupils at all levels were both challenging and enjoyable, and some pupils still keep in touch. Twenty-six years of minister-



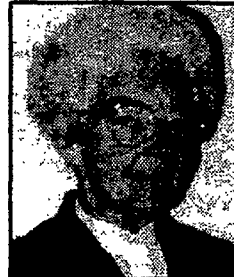
ing in various ways to adults in parishes have enriched my life and broadened my viewpoint. Both ministries have been most rewarding. Both deepened my faith by making me more aware how God works in so many different ways his won-



ders to perform. I am grateful, too, for the support and encouragement that is so much a part of our community life as Sisters of St. Joseph."

Sister Helen is currently working as director of the RCIA program at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Brockport.

Sister Marion Gundell, SSJ, a Rochester native, served teaching assignments in Rochester and Auburn before attending Catholic University of America, where she received a master's degree in social work. She has served as a social worker at St. Joseph's Villa and as director of social work at St. Ann's Home. "It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I celebrate 50 years as a Sister of St. Joseph," she said. "I am grateful for the many gifts I have received during these years in terms of education, challenging and enriching ministries, and life-giving, happy community wherever I was assigned. After Vatican Council II, it was a privilege to be a member of a congregation that wholeheartedly embraced and implemented the document on Renewal of Religious Life. May God continue to bless us all."



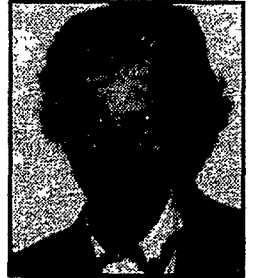
Sister Marion now serves as local coordinator of the SSJ motherhouse.

Sister Virginia Mahaney, SSJ, a Rochester native, remarked, "In the first 33 years of my ministry, I served in education. I especially enjoyed teaching the primary grades. It was so satisfying

watching the children develop in different areas of growth — intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically. As I moved into teaching of the middle grades, I could appreciate and wonder at the progress they made as they continued to develop in life. Later as I worked for nine years in parish ministry, I was able to minister to and with a broader scope of people of the church — children and adults, the sick, the lonely, families and single people, the old and the young. People have helped me to grow and hopefully, I made a difference in their lives."

Sister Virginia is currently a home-health aide with Sisters Care.

Sister Madeline Therese Kelso, SSJ, a Brockport native, commented, "I believe that my teaching ministry at the elementary and college levels has been enriched in a very special way. Each had an outstanding person with whom I worked — Sister Marie Paulus Newton at the primary,



and Sister Frances Maneri at the college level. Sister Frances teamed with me in teaching the Reading Methods course at Nazareth College to undergraduates. Teaching a child to read is a unique joy.

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School Sisters, Franciscan honored for years of service

The following members of the Wilton Province's School Sisters of Notre Dame who served in the Diocese of Rochester are marking 70, 60 and 50 years of service this year. The community celebration took place May 7 at the motherhouse in Wilton, Conn.

70 years

Sister M. Cordis Implier, SSND, was born in Schliersee, Bavaria, and made her final profession in 1924. She taught at St. Michael's School in Rochester from 1950-70, and at St. Margaret Mary School in Rochester from 1970-85. She also taught in Baltimore, Md. She is currently retired and living at the Motherhouse in Wilton, Conn.

Sister M. Dosithea Sheehy, SSND, entered the order from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Roxbury, Mass., professing her final vows in 1924. She taught at a number of schools in the northeast, including Rochester's Holy Ghost School from 1923-29. She is currently living at the Lourdes Health Care Center in Wilton, Conn.

60 years

Sister Mary Austin, SSND, also entered the order from Roxbury, Mass., professing in 1934. She taught at schools in Washington, D.C., Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York City before serving at Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester from 1964-73. She has been serving on the staff of the order's archives in Wilton, Conn., since 1978.

Sister Alice Marie Donnelly, SSND, also entered the order from Roxbury,

Mass., making her final profession in 1934. She served as a teacher at St. Boniface School in Rochester from 1934-45, and as a principal of Holy Ghost School in Rochester from 1960-64. She also served at schools in Puerto Rico and in New Jersey. She has been in pastoral ministry at St. John's Parish in Leonia, N.J., since 1980.

Sister M. Alida Ford, SSND, entered the order from Immaculate Conception Parish in Malden, Mass., professing her final vows in 1934. In addition to teaching at St. Michael's School in Rochester from 1934-45, she served as principal at schools in Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire. She currently lives at the Lourdes Health Center in Wilton.

Sister M. Leonice Jenks, SSND, entered the School Sisters from St. Francis de Sales Parish in Charlestown, Mass., making her final profession in 1934. She taught at St. Michael's School in Rochester from 1951-55, and served as teacher and principal at a number of other schools throughout the northeast. She currently lives at the Lourdes Health Care Center in Wilton.

Sister M. Amata Schneggenburger, SSND, entered the order from St. Mary's Parish in Buffalo, professing her final vows in 1934. She taught at St. Boniface School in Rochester from 1946-49, and at Holy Ghost School in Rochester from 1959-66. She also taught at schools in Buffalo, Brooklyn, Ozone Park (New York City), and in New Jersey and Washington, D.C. She is currently working in community service at the motherhouse in Wilton, Conn.

Sister M. Emmanuel Tchan, SSND,

entered the School Sisters from Roxbury, Mass., making her profession in 1934. She taught at St. Michael's School in Rochester from 1934-43. She also taught in New Jersey, and was the principal at two schools in Maryland. She served as a religious educator of a parish in Connecticut, and is currently a teacher at the Child Development Center in Wilton.

Sister Kathleen Treanor, SSND, entered the School Sisters from St. Mary's Parish in Charleston, Mass., making her final profession in 1934. She was a teacher at St. Boniface School in Rochester from 1936-39. She also taught or served as principal at schools in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. She is currently engaged in community service at the motherhouse in Wilton.

50 years

Sister M. Kyllene Bodum, SSND, entered the order from Glen Cove, N.Y., professing her final vows in 1944. She served as the principal at Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester from 1978-80. She also taught at schools in Maryland and Liberia, Africa, and served as a school principal in Massachusetts. From 1988 to this past June, she served in pastoral ministry at the Cabrini Medical Center in New York City, and is currently a teacher in the novitiate program in Nairobi, Kenya.

Sister M. Joselia Colbert, SSND, entered the order from Roxbury, Mass., making her final profession in 1944. She taught at Bishop Kearney High School from 1980-91. She also taught at

schools in Albany, Brooklyn, and New Hampshire. She is currently involved in community service at the motherhouse in Wilton.

Sister M. Cyrille Powell, SSND, entered the School Sisters from Immaculate Conception Parish in Rochester, professing her final vows in 1944. She taught at the former St. Joseph Business High School in Rochester from 1963-66, and at Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester from 1966-71. She also taught at schools in Maryland and Buffalo. Currently, she is involved in community service at the motherhouse in Wilton.

Rochester native marks 25 years as a Franciscan

In addition, a Rochester native is celebrating her silver jubilee as a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Rochester, Minn.

Sister Mary Anne Ryan marked the jubilee of her profession July 24, 1994, at the order's home center of Assisi Heights in Rochester, Minn.

Sister Mary Anne's home parish was Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rochester. Currently, Sister Mary Anne is the chaplain and coordinator of Catholic Ministry at Lutheran Hospital of LaCrosse, Wis., where she has served since 1992.

Sister Mary Anne entered chaplaincy work after a 24-year career in education. She has taught in Japan, the College of St. Teresa in Winona, Minn., and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She was also a teacher and administrator at schools in Austin and Winona, Minn.