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After Sister Mary Ida Lynch became a Sister of St. Joseph, she served in the education ministry at St. Patrick, Corning; St. Stephen, Geneva; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; and at St. Joseph's Villa, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart and Nazareth Academy in Rochester.

"As far back as I can remember I wanted to be a sister. My mother and father were wonderful examples of married life, but I came to know that all marriages were not like theirs — all families were not happy and blessed as we were. I began to think more and more about being a sister and helping children not so well off. In 1932, I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph. As I begin this celebration of 70 years, I am most grateful for my vocation. I have been happy and blessed in the places where I have been privileged to live and minister. I pray for all who have helped me live these years in gentleness, peace and joy."



Sister Monica Schaeffer (Sister Marie Ursula) taught at Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph's Villa and Holy Rosary in Rochester; St. Paul, Oswego; St. Stephen, Geneva; St. Rose, Lima; and St. Mary, Elmira, following her entrance into the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Monica Parish, Rochester.

"When I entered religious life in 1932, I knew it was where I belonged. The Sisters of St. Joseph who educated me at Holy Rosary and Nazareth Academy were great examples of what it meant to be a sister and were very influential in my final decision. Like them, I, too, wanted to teach. I started in the primary grades and then continued into the challenge of the upper grades and junior high. Each grade level brought fulfillment to my teaching career, and I was blessed to work in many schools in many different cities. Now I am living at our new



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motherhouse and looking forward to many happy years here with my sisters in community."



Sister St. Joseph Creighton joined the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Patrick Parish in Elmira. Her ministry included service primarily at St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira. She also served at Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma, Ala., and at St. Ann's Home in Rochester.

"As an RN, a certified anesthesiologist and with certification for administration of chemotherapy drugs, I served at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, St. Ann's Home, our motherhouse infirmary and at Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma, Ala. I loved my work. I found great satisfaction in being helpful to people, especially to those sisters in our infirmary who so appreciated whatever I could do for them. My 70 years as a Sister of St. Joseph have been blessed with joy and the satisfaction that comes from service. It has enabled me to live out our congregation's motto of being, 'neighbor with neighbor, and neighbor with God.'"

60 YEARS



Sister Marjorie Burger (Sister Valerian) entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from Holy Family Parish in Auburn. The education ministry took her to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Agnes High School in Rochester and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport. She was the first principal at Most Precious Blood School and served an additional ministry at St. Ann's Home. She is presently a hospice volunteer at Benicasa and Advent House.

"Ministry has been a most important aspect of my life. My years of teaching, my years at St. Joseph Convent Infirmary and now my hospice work have given me many blessings. Some of my favorite memories are of my years at Most Precious Blood Parish. We opened that school on a wing and a prayer — with the help of Father Sebastian Contegiacomo and all of the won-



derful and supportive parents."



After joining the Sisters of St. Joseph from Most Precious Blood Parish in Rochester, Sister Dolores Anne Huether enjoyed two ministries, one as secretary at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, the other as a teacher at St. Patrick's, Dansville; St. Joseph's Villa and Nazareth Academy in Rochester; and Mt. Carmel High School, Auburn. She now lives and ministers at the Nazareth Convent.

"A life spent in community with my sisters — with their talents, abilities and eccentricities — has been a very fulfilling experience. Living and working with so many wonderful women, both past and present, has contributed to who I have been and continue to become as a Sister of St. Joseph. I have been influenced by many of them and have learned so much from them from the practical to the profound. Religious life has been a grace."



Sister Jane Marie Mulligan, who entered the congregation from St. Monica Parish in Rochester, taught at Elmira Catholic High School and Nazareth Academy. She then entered the nursing ministry at St. Ann's Home and is currently in the prayer ministry.

"In thinking back on my years in ministry, I look at my teaching years as particularly fulfilling. (I) spent a year working at St. Ann's Home, (and) realized how much I enjoyed nursing. I went back to college and earned a degree in nursing, then returned to St. Ann's Home for many years of satisfying ministry there. Life in community has supported me by giving me the freedom to focus on my ministry. A sense of belonging and support received from so many in the congregation over the years has been a blessing to me and has helped me to be and do my best."



Sister Jeanne Agnes Michaud, from Holy Redeemer Parish, Rochester, taught at Corpus Christi, Our Mother of Sorrows and Nazareth Academy in Rochester and at Mt. Carmel High School in Auburn. Her other ministries include Director of Archives for the congregation and, presently, Director of Library at the Religious Life Resource Center at the motherhouse.

"My studies at Nazareth (Acade-

my) were certainly academic, but I also learned about boys, and my last two years were a struggle between learning the secret of what made women sisters and learning the ways of the opposite sex. By April of my senior year (at Nazareth Academy) ... I began to recognize a Secret that had been growing within me for years. My Secret led me to enter the Sisters of St. Joseph because I wanted to teach, to be near home and to see where my Secret would lead me. I soon discovered that what I was seeking was not so much seeing where my Secret would lead me as knowing Who that Secret was. I live in hope of finding and knowing the Secret. I suspect it won't be long now."



Entering the Sisters of St. Joseph from Holy Family Parish in Auburn, Sister Joan McDowell (Sister Jeromita) taught at Nazareth Academy and at DeSales High School in Geneva. She has also been the director of the SSJ Congregational Communications Office. She presently ministers at the motherhouse as a driver and writes for the SSJ Newsletter. She is also publicity chair for the Genesee Valley Orchestra & Chorus.

"Community living with the Band of '43,' the 76 sisters at Nazareth Convent, the 12 at DeSales Convent, the five at Emmaus has always been enriching. In each setting we were all coping with the significant changes in our religious life as we spanned the Vatican II years. Sisters of St. Joseph become more precious over the years as I continue to learn more and more about individuals, and as I grieve for those who have gone to their reward. I am deeply grateful for having been a part of their lives."



Sister Joanne Clark joined the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Rita Parish in Deferiest, N.Y. She has been a teacher at Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Lawrence in Rochester; St. Jerome's in East Rochester; and St. Michael, Penn Yan. She currently serves in the Sisters Care Office at the Nazareth Convent.

"I was drawn to the Sisters of St. Joseph when, as a 10-year-old, I began music lessons at the convent and later when I attended Catholic high school. My ministry was teaching on several levels and training children and adult choirs.

My work with adults was to continue to be a religious life for this God for this



served at Mt. Carmel High School in Nazareth Convent in 1988. She is a member of the congregation.

"It was during that I was at Nazareth Convent, the first religious vocation, though being aware since childhood of the convent, I found it to become a teaching spent at Nazareth Convent beyond work filled with life students, though I've lived an teaching."



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