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Sister Jamesine Riley joined the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Ann Parish in Rochester. She taught at Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Ambrose and

Guardian Angels in Rochester. She has been a member of the Leadership Team and has served the congregation as Superior General. In the law ministry, she was Executive Director and attorney at Main West Attorneys at Law. She currently is co-director of Mother of God House of Prayer in Florida.

"My older brother died suddenly when I was 12 years old. This had a profound influence on me and led me to many reflections on the meaning of life, its purpose and fragility. At that time, I believe my vocation was born. My first years as an SSJ were very happy. I enjoyed the experience of being part of a 'band' — a group of young women dedicated to the same goal of drawing closer to God and giving their life in service. The support of my sisters, my friends and those with whom I ministered and served kept me going through the good times and the difficult times."



Sister Josepha Twomey joined the congregation from St. Mary Parish in Auburn. She served the education ministry at Our Lady of

Lourdes, Corpus Christi, St. Lucy and Guardian Angels in Rochester; St. Mary, Dans-

ville; and St. Elizabeth in Selma, Ala. She has served in the Office for Human Development and has been chaplain at Elmira Correctional Facility and at Southport Correctional Facility, also in Elmira. She currently serves in Sisters Care elder care ministry.

"My teaching career began in the suburbs and ended in the inner city. Along the way, I worked with children and families of all backgrounds: suburban, rural, small town and metropolitan — rich and poor. In 1978, when Bishop Joseph Hogan appointed me to Elmira Correctional Facility, I became the first woman in our state's history to serve as a chaplain in a men's maximum-security state prison. Bishop Matthew Clark not only extended my sentence but saw to it that I was transferred to Southport Correctional Facility, the state's first 'maxi-max' prison. The TV ad told us that the Peace Corps was "the toughest job you'll ever love," but I found a tougher job that I couldn't have loved more."



Sister Judith Whalen entered the congregation from St. Louis Parish in Pittsford. She taught at Sacred Heart, Christ the King, St. Thomas More,

Our Lady of Lourdes and Seton Junior High in Rochester; St. Stephen, Geneva; and St. Mary, Auburn. She has also ministered as Formation Director of Novitiate and is currently pastoral minister at St. Rita, Webster.

"The friendships and opportunities for growth afforded me as a Sister of St. Joseph have been a blessing and have given rise to a stretching of me out of a comfort zone that can be so easy to move into. Growing along — together with so many good women — from striving for perfection, as stated early on in religious life; to growing in love and responding to life out of love for God. This new way of walk-

ing the journey has been encouraged and supported by congregational chapters, renewals as we move forward as Sisters of St. Joseph to celebrate the great love of God for each of us."



Sister Madeline Cox taught at Corpus Christi and Holy Rosary in Rochester; St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; St. Anthony, Elmira; St. Mary, Dansville; and Na-

tivity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport after she joined the congregation from St. Charles Borromeo in Rochester. She has served as parish visitor at St. Michael in Rochester and St. Agnes in Avon. She currently drives for the congregation and is an archival assistant.

"Life as an SSJ has been both joyous and challenging. I truly enjoyed my years as a parish minister. The time I spent visiting parishioners in their homes and hospital rooms were very fulfilling. My present ministry of serving our infirm sisters and priests at St. Joseph's Place has taught me a great deal about how to cope with life situations with courage and acceptance. One of my favorite Scripture lines is, 'Jesus returned to Nazareth where he grew in wisdom, age and grace.' This has certainly happened to me, these past 50 years of being a Sister of St. Joseph."



Sister Marion Greer (Sister Francine), a native of St. Aloysius Parish in Auburn, taught at St. Paul, Oswego; St. Rose, Lima; St. Stephen, Geneva;

St. James, Waverly; Blessed Trinity, Auburn; and Sacred Heart, Rochester. She presently serves as assistant to the congregational treasurer.

"As a high-school student I worked at Mercy Hospital where I made friends with the Franciscan Sisters from Syracuse. It is during these years I began thinking I wanted to be a sister. I wanted to be like them. I always felt drawn to the Sis-

ters of St. Joseph. The sisters who taught me in grammar school impacted my vocation to this congregation in a significant way. The sisters I have shared my life with have contributed greatly to who I am with their support, holiness and faith. I am proud of our congregation and the ministries we are doing and have done. Through their example, the sisters' faith-filled witness to the dear neighbor brings me closer to God each day."



Sister Mark Rumble of St. James Parish in Carthage, N.Y., has taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Guardian Angels in Rochester. She

presently ministers at the motherhouse.

"The group of sisters I entered with was a small one. We spent a lot of time together and as a result were very close. We had a lot of fun together; we were always ready for a laugh! Since then I have lived and worked with many sisters who have been an inspiration to me. Their presence in my life has helped me to grow and become the person I am today. Living in community has been a great support to me, in both my private and ministerial life. Every day, I ask God to be a part of all I do."



Sister Mary Weaver (Sister Felicitas) entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Mary Parish in Auburn. After teaching at Blessed Sacra-

ment and Our Lady of Lourdes in Rochester and St. Elizabeth in Selma, Ala., her ministry in Selma included work in the Community Organizer Office of Economic Opportunity, pastoral assistant at Queen of Peace Parish and assistant director in the Community Action Agency. She is now Coordinator of Congregational Cars.

"My most prized years as an SSJ were spent in Selma, Ala., where I was missioned from 1964 to 1990. I was blessed with both the privilege and the hardship of witnessing the massive political and social change which marked my decades there. One day I was sent off to a new job in a rural county. I entered the soup kitchen and began introducing myself as a Sister of St. Joseph. To this day I am moved by the response I received. So many of the people there had been helped by the Sisters of St. Joseph at Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma that when it was understood that I was an SSJ, I

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