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hospice nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester and a pastoral associate at Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira. She is currently a hospice volunteer at Serenity House in Victor.

"My celebration of 60 years is one of heartfelt THANKSGIVING, to the Sisters of St. Joseph, for their patience, for making my dreams come through, to all the sisters I have lived with, times remembered, tears we shed, classes we taught, and on and on. I could not have made it without the love and care of my God."



Sister Walter Anne O'Malley entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from her home parish of St. Stephen in Geneva. She served in the education ministry at St. Francis Xavier, Sacred Heart and St. Pius Tenth, all in Rochester; and at St. Alphonsus and Blessed Trinity in Auburn. She was also director of junior sisters for the congregation. She is presently in the prayer ministry at the motherhouse.

"It all began for me in Geneva, the place where I grew up, and the place where some of my fondest memories still linger. It has been said that we learn best from those we love, and I dearly loved the Sisters of St. Joseph who taught me.

"During moments of quiet and prayer ... I eventually yielded to the invitation to serve the Lord. And so I came, I stayed, and the past 60 years

with all their upsets and blessings have graced me with more joy and more peace of heart than I believed could be possible."



Entering the congregation, from Holy Rosary Parish in Rochester, Sister Dorothy Therese Schropp taught at St. Ambrose, St. Monica, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Augustine, all in Rochester; St. Paul, Oswego; St. Mary, Elmira; St. Patrick, Mt. Morris; and St. Joseph, Wayland. She now serves at the motherhouse in the prayer ministry.

"It wasn't until I attended Holy Rosary elementary school that I discovered the wonderful Sisters of St. Joseph. The happiness I felt with my sister-teachers remained with me throughout my entire education, and inspired in me a desire to become a Sister of St. Joseph.

"Now in my jubilee year I am again so grateful: for the support and love I experienced in community; for the wonderful priests and religious who have inspired me; for being able to live out the rest of my life at our new motherhouse; and, most of all, for God's graces."



Following service as a cottage supervisor at St. Joseph's Villa in Rochester, Sister Jeanne Smith (formerly Sister Jeanne Louise), a native of Rochester's Holy Rosary Parish, worked in the food-service ministry at Holy Rosary, St. Anne and Sacred Heart, all in Rochester. Among her current ministries at Sacred Heart Parish in Rochester, she enjoys teaching ceramics.

"After a happy, fun-filled novitiate, I set out to my first ministry at St. Joseph's Villa. There, I was responsible for 24 boys, many of whom had had very hard lives.

"Following a variety of ministry

assignments over the years, I came finally to Sacred Heart Cathedral where I prepare meals for the sisters. During my years at Sacred Heart I learned the art of ceramics. Later I was asked to teach this craft, which I enjoy doing to this present day.

"God has given me many blessings these past 60 years."

## 50 YEARS



In addition to being a teacher, Sister Kathleen Burns (formerly Sister Caritas) has served as a BOCES interpreter for the deaf and a director of the Rochester chapter of Agregé, the congregation's associate members program. After joining the order from Sacred Heart Parish, Rochester, she taught at St. Ambrose, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Thomas More, St. Theodore, Corpus Christi and St. Agnes High School, all in Rochester.

"The Sisters of St. Joseph have been a part of my experience since my earliest memories — from family members who were sisters to teachers from first grade through college.

"Reflecting on these past years which have had their fill of joys and sorrows, I thank God for all — for the people who have been a part of my life, for their prayers and loving support. And I am thankful for God's kindness to me and for God's understanding, gentle heart."



Sister Josette Capozzi entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from her home parish of St. Mary in Elmira. In her education ministry, she served at Immaculate Conception, St. Bridget, Christ the King, Holy Apostles, Holy Rosary and St. Francis Xavier schools, all in Rochester; and at Queen of Peace and St. Elizabeth schools in Selma, Ala. She has been a pastoral assistant at St. Francis in Phelps, and, in Alabama, at St. Michael in Heron Bay and St. Vincent de Paul in Mobile. She has also been an associate chaplain at the Newark Development Center and is currently ministering at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Tallahassee, Fla.

"Memories that float to the surface of these past 50 years as a religious are of challenging, yet fulfilling ministries: serving as principal of the first integrated Catholic elementary school in Selma, Ala.; working in Newark, N.Y., in the office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; ministering to the very poor in Mon Luis

Island, Bellefontaine, Dauphin Island, and Heron Bay, Ala.

"Though I live at a distance from my home in Rochester, I am very aware of the prayer and concern of my sisters in community. Being a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph has been helpful as I tried to live a life of charity, humility, justice and faithfulness."



Sister Janet Connorton (formerly Sister Marcella) of Sacred Heart Parish in Rochester, taught at St. Anne, St. Ambrose and the former St. Agnes High School, all in Rochester, and at DeSales High School in Geneva. After serving as pastoral agent in Goiania, Brazil, she began her present ministry as activities director at the Pine Apple Community Center in Pine Apple, Ala.

"In March of my senior year at Nazareth Academy, I started to think about becoming a Sister of St. Joseph, but it took another eight months for my actions to catch up with my heart. After graduation, I attended Nazareth College, and through my friendship with then-postulant Sister Barbara Lum, further developed my interest in religious life. By November, I officially wanted to enter, sought an interview and came to the convent (late as usual) in December.

"When I entered, I hoped to become an art teacher. This dream materialized and grew over 30 years. While living in Geneva, I also became involved in parish liturgy and choir.

"My first years were full of joy and tears — as were the next 25. And now my jubilee and the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph coincide. Will this be a landmark in my life? Ask me in 10 more years!"



Sister Ann Lafferty (formerly Sister Adelaide) is health insurance coordinator for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester. Having entered the congregation from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Rochester, she taught at Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, St. Monica, St. Bridget, Nazareth Academy, Hope Hall and Nazareth Hall, all in Rochester, and at St. Michael in Penn Yan. She has also been a pastoral agent in Uberlandia, Brazil.

"Starting at grade one, Sisters of St. Joseph have been a part of my life. So, when it became clear to me that I had a religious vocation, it was only natural that I enter this congregation.

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