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Sister Joan is a member of McAuley Residence, an ILS volunteer and a spiritual apostolate.



**Sister Diane Marie Erskine (Sister Mary Jamesetta)** entered the Sisters of Mercy from Holy Rosary Parish in Rochester.

She has ministered as a teacher, principal, guidance counselor and administrator since 1956, serving at St. James, Rochester; St. Rita, Webster; St. Mary, Bath, where she also served as principal, and St. Salome, Rochester. She was also principal of St. Salome's and Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira. She was then guidance counselor at Our Lady of Mercy, Rochester and principal of Annunciation School, Rochester.

From 1989-90 she ministered as diocesan superintendent of schools and returned as a teacher and administrator at Holy Cross, Rochester. From 1993-95 she ministered as a guidance intern at Our Lady of Mercy, Rochester, and then was director of Holy Cross Early Childhood Center. She also taught at Holy Cross, Rochester, and since 2001 has been a teacher at Our Lady of Mercy.

Sister Diane Marie describes her years as a Sister of Mercy as "fifty years of 'grace,' 50 years of 'gift.'" She says that the journey has been one of coming to know God, and the paths have led to mingling with the people of God.

She is a member of Trocaire Community at the motherhouse.

**Sister Sheila Geraghty (Sister Mary Josetta)** entered the Sisters of Mercy from St. John the Evangelist parish on Humboldt Street in Rochester.



She taught for 23 years, serving at St. Michael, Newark; St. James, Rochester; St. Louis, Pittsford; St. John of Rochester, Fairport; St. Vincent, Corning; and

Corning Catholic School North. From 1979-84, Sister Sheila was a member Tioga County Rural Ministry, novice director for the congregation, and is currently director of social ministry in Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester.

Sister Sheila is grateful for the great example of faith of her parents, family and friends, which nourished and supported her in her journey of Mercy. She looks upon her experiences in teaching, rural ministry, formation and church ministry as opportunities which encouraged, supported and challenged her.

She is a member of the congregation's Mt. Hope Avenue Community.



**Sister Barbara Hamm** entered the Sisters of Mercy from St. James', Rochester as **Sister Mary Vincentia**.

She was a teacher at St. Patrick, Owego; Our Lady of Mercy, Elmira; St. John, Clyde; St. Cecilia, Rochester; Holy Family, Auburn and St. Louis, Pittsford. She was principal of St. Louis School and, in Rochester, at St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of Mercy. She is currently principal of Holy Name of Jesus School in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Sister Barbara is most grateful for the many graces she has received through her ministry of education. "It has been a humbling experience to meet and share ministry with so many committed people as I continue my journey through these wonderful years. I thank God every day for the dedicated men and women, especially the women in my community, who have supported me so lovingly and faithfully these 50 years."



**Sister Mary Walter Hickey** entered the order from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Rochester.

She taught at St. James, Rochester, and then attended Siena Heights College. Upon her return, she taught at St. Louis School, Pittsford and Mercy High School. She has been vice principal and is currently principal of Notre Dame High School, Elmira.

"I think of the great gifts God has given me and feel very blessed," says Sister Mary Walter. "I am grateful that as a Sister of Mercy I have been able to share these gifts with others in my family, in my community of Mercy, and in my ministry of education and service. It has been a time of joy and thanksgiving, and I am grateful."

Sister Mary Walter is a member of Notre Dame Community in Elmira.



**Sister Mary Augustine Malley** entered the Sisters of Mercy from St. Augustine Parish, Rochester.

She taught high school at Our Lady of Mercy (while teaching at Catherine McAuley College), Cardinal Mooney and Notre Dame High School, Elmira. From 1976-97 she taught science and ministered in pastoral care of the sick at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell. She retired in 1997 to care for a family member.

Sister Augustine is thankful for the many gifted and generous people she has met in her ministries. "These past 50 years have flown by with

many small blessings and quite a few big ones," she says.

Sister Augustine presently resides in her family home in Irondequoit.



**Sister Marion Rappl (Sister Mary Boniface)** entered the Sisters of Mercy from Rochester's St. Thomas Parish.

She taught for 34 years at St. James, Rochester; St. Louis, Pittsford; Mercy High School; and Cardinal Mooney High School. Sister Marion currently is an assistant in the finance office of the Sisters of Mercy.

"I am grateful to my family, the Sisters of Mercy and many others who have nourished this faith and hope with their love and support during these 50 years," she says.

She is a member of St. Salome Community in Irondequoit.



**Sister Kathleen Ward (Sister Mary John)** entered the Sisters of Mercy from St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Rochester.

She taught at St. Thomas, Rochester; St. Salome, Rochester; and Holy Cross, Rochester. From 1975-85 she served as principal of St. Cecilia School, Irondequoit. She then was librarian and counselor at St. Louis; Pittsford, and Seton Junior High, Rochester. She was program director to set up Siena Catholic Academy, Rochester, and served as its vice principal and student advocate. Since 2001 she has been a classroom aide at Seton Catholic School.

Sister Kathleen considers herself blessed by support and encouragement she has received from her family, friends and the Sisters of Mercy in her ministry of education.

She is a member of the congregation's Mt. Hope Avenue Community.



**Sister Mary Edwaine Weaver** entered the order from Holy Rosary Parish, Rochester.

She taught in Rochester at St. Andrew, St. Charles, and St. Rita, where she also was vice principal. She was then principal at St. James School, Rochester. From 1975-81 she was diocesan curriculum consultant, then assistant superintendent for curriculum. From 1981-86, she was diocesan superintendent of schools.

From 1987-90 she served as an educational consultant and supervisor of student teachers at Nazareth College and the University of Rochester. She is now director of the Catholic School Leadership Program and assistant professor of administration at

the University of Rochester.

"I am grateful for those who have touched my life in so many ways during these happy, challenging and fulfilling years lived in the community of Mercy and in service to the ministry of education," she says.

She is a member of the Webster Manor Community in Webster.



**Sister Margaret Mary Wintish (Sister Mary Gabriella)** entered the congregation from St. Augustine Parish in Rochester.

She taught at St. Louis, Pittsford; St. Cecilia, Irondequoit; and St. John the Evangelist, Holy Cross, and Mt. Carmel in Rochester. From 1975-76 she taught at Fajardo Catholic School in Puerto Rico, and then returned to St. Cecilia. She attended language school in Bolivia, ministered in the Chilean missions. She served as a tutor and ministered in Santiago.

She then taught at St. Andrew School and served Holy Redeemer and St. Michael's in religious education. She was pastoral assistant at Holy Redeemer and at St. Stephen Parish, Geneva. Following studies at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, she served as the hospital's chaplain. She was pastoral assistant for the Northern Cayuga Cluster and chaplain for St. Vincent Medical Center, Jacksonville, Fla. She is now a companion and chaplain at Wesley-on-East, Rochester.

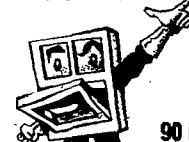
Sister Margaret Mary says she is deeply grateful to God for the gift of a call to religious life. "Its many blessings have allowed me to touch and to be touched by others in my various ministries."

She is a member of St. Salome Community in Irondequoit.

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