

“Religious men and women are prophets. They are those who have chosen a following of Jesus that imitates his life in obedience to the Father, poverty, community life and chastity.” — Pope Francis, from his interview with America



She's Answered the Call to Charity for Five Decades

By CHRISTIE L. CHICOINE

I don't think the Inspector's going to be too happy.” An altercation with the police is among the amusing stories the principal of SS. Peter and Paul School in the Bronx recently shared as she reflected on her 50 years in religious life, 45 of which have been spent at the school.

Sister Michelle McKeon, S.C., who celebrates her golden jubilee as a Sister of Charity this year, recalled how, as the daughter of a Deputy Inspector in the New York City Police Department, she attempted to rein in a group of rogue youths who approached the school yard her first year teaching at SS. Peter and Paul School.

The year was 1968. She was 23 years old.

“We were dismissing the kids and a gang came to the front of the school—they were looking for one of our eighth-graders,” she recalled, noting that the school is situated “within a throwing-of-a-rock distance to the 42nd precinct.”

Sister Michelle stood outside speaking with the gang, she said, “because they wouldn't have hurt me as a sister,” and, at the same time, discreetly dispatched someone else at the school to the precinct “to get a blue uniform,” a policeman.

Unfortunately, the response from the 42nd was “you're not in our precinct.”

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CHARITABLE—Sister Michelle McKeon, S.C., principal of SS. Peter and Paul School, the Bronx, encourages kindergartner Nevada Underwood as classmate Olivia Martinez looks on during a computer exercise. Sister Michelle celebrates her 50th jubilee as a Sister of Charity this year. Her duties at SS. Peter and Paul began 45 years ago, as a third-grade teacher. “I was more scared than the children were,” she joked. “I could tell you exactly where each one of them sat. I'm still close to them.” *Maria R. Bastone*

CELEBRATING OUR RELIGIOUS JUBILARIANS

Congregation of Christian Brothers, New Rochelle

60 YEARS

Brother Michael Finbarr O'Donnell, C.F.C., a native of New York City, is stationed in Moyobamba, Peru. He has also been a missionary to Argentina and Uruguay. He taught at Sacred Heart Parochial Grammar School, Manhattan, 1959-1960; Power Memorial Academy, Manhattan, 1960-1962 and 1976-1977; and Rice High School, Manhattan, 1977-1981 and 1983-1986. He also was director of mission education for the Eastern American Province. He has taught in schools in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Florida.

Brother Richard Edmund Pigott, C.F.C., born in the Bronx, has been missioned in the order's old novitiate in West Park since 2009. He taught at All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1966-1967, 1969-1977, and 1982-1983. He was on the staff of Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island, 1977-1979. He taught at Iona College, 1983-1996 and 2003-2009. He also has been involved in migrant ministry in Florida.

50 YEARS

Brother James Lawrence Casey, C.F.C., a native of the Bronx, has taught at

All Hallows High School, the Bronx, since 1995, and from 1974 to 1984. He taught at Rice High School, Manhattan, 1990-1995. He has taught in his community's schools in Boston and Rochester.

Brother Michael L. Colasuonno, C.F.C., a native of the Bronx, has ministered as the community leader and pastoral care coordinator at St. Joseph's Care Residence, New Rochelle, since 2009. He taught at Iona Prep, New Rochelle, 1967-1968; Power Memorial, Manhattan, 1968-1974, and Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island, 1978-1979. Since 1981, he has been involved in congregational governance. He was director of the international tertian-ship program in Rome, Italy; was assistant to the superior general; served as deputy congregational leader; and had membership in the international formation program, stationed in Dublin, Ireland.

Brother Alexander Eugenio De Lorenzo, C.F.C., a native of Newark, N.J., has been director of province archives since 1988. He has taught at All Hallows, the Bronx, 1967-1973, and Blessed Sacrament/St. Gabriel High School, New Rochelle, 1992. He also taught at schools in

Rochester and Schenectady. He has been involved in ESL and citizenship preparation for immigrant adults with the Ursuline Outreach Program in New Rochelle for 12 years.

Brother Lawrence Thomas Murphy, C.F.C., born in Brooklyn, is president of Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Ind. He taught at Power Memorial, 1967-1974 and 1983-1984; and at All Hallows, 1988-1997, where he was principal, 1988-1992, and president, 1992-1997. He also taught in Rochester, and in Massachusetts

and New Jersey.

Brother Juan Finbarr Prior, C.F.C., a native of the Bronx, has been stationed in South America since 1975. In Peru, he has been a teacher, directed a technical school, founded libraries and served as novice master. He taught at Blessed Sacrament High School, New Rochelle, 1970-1971; St. Cecilia's School, Manhattan, 1971-1975. In 1968-1970, he served in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

70 YEARS

Brother John Laurence Heathwood, C.F.C.

Redemptorists, Baltimore Province

50 YEARS

Father Michael Hopkins, C.Ss.R., a Brooklyn native, has served at parishes in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Massachusetts and St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. He was province secretary in Brooklyn, 2005-2008. He has lived at the Redemptorists' residence in Manhattan since 2008.

Father Richard Poetzl, C.Ss.R., served as librarian, professor of liturgical theology,

academic dean and acting president the Redemptorists' major seminary Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, 1963-1983. He was rector of the St. John Neumann Residence, Saratoga Springs, 1985-1987. He returned as pastor to his home parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Baltimore, 1987-1993. He has served at another parish there since 1993.

40 YEARS

Father J. Francis Jones, C.Ss.R.

Franciscan Orders in the Archdiocese

Franciscan Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

80 YEARS

Sister Francis Marie Connolly, F.M.S.H., taught elementary school at St. Matthew's, Hastings-on-Hudson, and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Manhattan, and was a school principal in New Jersey. She taught at the Assisium High School for business in Manhattan. She was provincial secretary, 1975-1997, and also served in the records office for Lycliff College, Highland Falls, and at St. Joseph's Home, Peekskill. After graduating from the National Archives Institute, she was community archivist, 1978-2009.

75 YEARS

Sister GianCarlo Bettio, F.M.S.H., served at St. Joseph's Home for Children and Mount St. Francis, both in Peekskill, after arriving from Italy in 1938. Throughout her years of service, she used her cooking and sewing skills to benefit her community and those whom they assist.

50 YEARS

Sister Elena Martinez, F.M.S.H., returned to her native Apolo, Bolivia, to teach school, evangelize and translate

priests' homilies into Quechua after making her profession in the United States. She worked with immigrants in Tarrytown, 1980-1984, and then coordinated religious education at St. Patrick's, Newburgh. Starting in 1995, she directed the religious education program and ministered to immigrants at Our Lady of Victory, Bronx. She also taught Spanish and served in the catechetical program at SS. Peter and Paul, both in the Bronx.

25 YEARS

Sister Clare Poothakuzhiyil, F.M.S.H., was born in India and pursued music and Franciscan studies in Rome after making her profession. Since coming to Peekskill in 2000, she has directed the adult and children's choirs, assisted with the youth group and vocational work in the Syro Malabar rite at St. Thomas, the Bronx. She also teaches at a school in New Jersey.

70 YEARS

Sister Ellen Joseph Drury, F.M.S.H.

65 YEARS

Sister Barbara Anne Ruff, F.M.S.H.

Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities

50 YEARS

Sister Roberta Smith, O.S.F., who grew up in Pelham, was elected last year as general minister of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. In 2004 and 2008, she was elected to the congregation's leadership team. She earlier served as general minister of the Sisters of St. Francis, Hastings-on-Hudson, which joined with two other communities to form the new congregation. She also served in the archdiocese as director of religious education at St. Ursula's parish, Mount Vernon; on the pastoral staff of

Ascension and St. Teresa's parishes, both Manhattan; and as a teacher at St. Eugene's School, Yonkers.

25 YEARS

Sister Shirley Peace, O.S.F., a native of Buffalo, has served since 2009 as minister for the East Coast region of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities while residing in the archdiocese. She served in the Diocese of Richmond, Va., 1995-2009. She holds a doctorate in psychology. She served as a nurse in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Franciscans of Holy Name Province, Manhattan

50 YEARS

Father Louis Canino, O.F.M., has directed a spiritual retreat center in Stoneville, N.C., which he founded in 2005. He earlier had established an urban storefront ministry in Greensboro, N.C., which featured a bookstore, a spiritual direction program and a Mass and liturgy schedule. He twice was assigned to St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, the second time as rector. He also served as a pastor in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and was assigned to a parish in New Jersey. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1969.

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Franciscan Sisters Of the Atonement, Graymoor

75 YEARS

Sister Ita Flynn, S.A., served as assistant motherhouse superior at Graymoor in Garrison, 1980-1982, and in Our Lady's Retreat House at Graymoor, 1992-1997. From 1969 to 1980, she served in Goiania and Rio Verde, Brazil. She did parish ministry in Georgia, Utah and California. She did retreat ministry in Rossinver, Ireland, and served as community superior in Rome, Italy. She returned to Graymoor in 2010.

Sister Edmund McGourty, S.A., served for 29 years at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Shrub Oak, until her retirement last year at age 94. She ministered to families, visiting the homebound and the sick and elderly. She also worked with children and families at St. Cecilia's parish, East Harlem, 1940-1943. She did community ministries at Graymoor, 1967-1972. She served in parish ministries in Potsdam, Lake Placid, Williamstown, Brushton, Elmira and Port Leyden, all New York, and in New Jersey, Vermont and Michigan.

Sister Mary Nestor Prevost, S.A., served for one year at Our Lady of Peace parish, Manhattan, 1952. She served in parish and catechetical ministries in the following places in New York: Ogdensburg, Schenectady, Dannemora, Brushton, Canajoharie, Ticonderoga, Athens, Am-

Franciscan Friars Of the Atonement, Graymoor

60 YEARS

Father Carmen Giuliano, S.A., has counseled alcoholics at St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor in Garrison, and founded St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center for recovering alcoholics in Saranac Lake. He served as minister general of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, 1981-1989. He later served in consultative and clinical capacities at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center. He now resides at Cortlandt Nursing Care Center, Cortlandt Manor. He served in the U.S. Navy before entering religious life. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1961.

Father Martin Madison, S.A., who now resides at Graymoor, served in the archdiocese at All Saints parish in Harlem and Our Lady of the Rosary, Yonkers. He also served for 13 years, until 2007, at a parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn. His first assignments were in the friars' missions in Brazil and Golden, British Columbia. He served as campus minister at Howard University, where he received a master's degree in divinity. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1962.

"All I know is that I always wanted to be a nun. I entered very young. I was the last of those who were accepted so young, but I knew, above all and more than anything, that I wanted to be a nun. It's always been a happy life and I hope I've shared that happiness with everyone."

Sister Ita Flynn, S.A.

75-Year jubilarian, Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement

sterdam, Altamont and Albany. She also served in New Hampshire, Utah, California and Oregon.

50 YEARS

Sister Maria del Rey Perezchica, S.A., who now lives at Graymoor, served in catechetical and did parish ministry among the Spanish-speaking community in California missions. She also served in Amsterdam, N.Y.; in Massachusetts and Wyoming; and in Italy.

Sister Theresa Cristina, S.A., has served at Graymoor since 2003, and also 1994-1995 and 1981-1982. She served at St. Cecilia's parish, East Harlem, 1967-1977, 1987-1991 and 1999-2003. She also served as novice directress in Brazil, and at a retreat house in Washington, D.C.

Brother James Riley, S.A., who lives at Graymoor, was director of St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor, 1980-1987, after he received his certification in drug and alcohol counseling. In 1997, he became administrator of Atonement Seminary in Washington D.C. In recent years, he has served at an AIDS ministry in Peekskill; as a counselor for F.A.I.T.H Services in Hoboken, N.J.; and as director of Guild Social Service Center in Newark, N.J. Earlier he served in the friars' food service departments at a novitiate in Rhode Island; seminaries in Montour Falls and Washington, D.C.; and the community's house in Medford, Mass.

50 YEARS

Father Damian MacPherson, S.A., was appointed director of post-novitiate formation for the Atonement Friars in 1999. At the time, he was also appointed director for ecumenical and interfaith affairs in the Archdiocese of Toronto, where he continues full-time ministry. He taught Catholic theology at Oklahoma City University. He served at two parishes in Canada, including one in Windsor, Ontario, where he was pastor for 12 years. He has served as director of postulants at Graymoor, and as vicar general of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, 1985-1989. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1978.

Friar Finds Community in Outreach to Homeless Mentally Ill

By **RON LAJOIE**

Father John Felice, O.F.M., does not recall the New York City of the mid-1970s with much nostalgia. Infrastructure was crumbling. Crime was rampant. Legions of recently de-institutionalized mentally ill homeless roamed the streets.

"The 70s were not the happiest of times," the ebullient friar told CNY during a recent interview at St. Francis Residence II, 155 W. 22nd St. in the Chelsea section of Manhattan. The residence is part of the housing program founded by Father Felice and two other Franciscan friars in the 1970s for the homeless mentally ill.

It wasn't supposed to be that way, explained Father Felice, who is marking his 50th anniversary as a friar this year. The original idea, growing out of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, was that the mentally ill had civil rights too. And, as long as they were not a danger to themselves or others, they needed to be in the least restrictive setting possible.

"To go with that was going to be community centers to take care of them, to provide them services. They never materialized," he said. "I remember the famous line from Senator (Daniel Patrick) Moynihan who said, 'Where were these community centers?'"

In the mid-70s Father Felice was serving as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish on West 31st Street. Another friar there, Father John McVean, O.F.M., had started an apostolate to reach out to the elderly in the surrounding neighborhood, some of whom were living in the nearby Aberdeen Hotel, a rundown single room occupancy (SRO) hotel on 32nd Street.

Father McVean had invited the pastor to join him on a visit to the hotel. He had met a psychiatric social worker there who talked to him about perhaps working together. The old hotel housed both the elderly and the mentally ill.

"The building was filled with de-institutionalized mentally ill people," Father Felice remembered. "There were no services there for them. They would not take their meds and would wind up back on the streets or in Bellevue, just over and over again. It was a revolving door...We thought if we could help them with their medications and money we could stabilize them."

The two friars set up a program to assist the tenants with their daily needs, including maintaining their antipsychotic medicines. Most of the tenants were suffering from schizophrenia. Father Thomas Walters, O.F.M., came on board with his counseling skills.

In 1979 the three priests received word that the hotel had been purchased



and was to be converted into an upscale tourist hotel. The friars knew that unless something was done, the little community at the Aberdeen would be joining the tens of thousands of people then living on the streets of New York.

"We were having a drink actually," Father Felice recalled. "And I said, 'We'll buy our own hotel.'" They convinced the Franciscans' Holy Name Province to provide initial funds to purchase and establish their own residence that would combine medical, psychiatric care and personal support.

"We didn't know anything about how to raise money," Father Felice acknowledged. "Other people helped us. But we put a little package together and started looking for a building. We wanted to be right where we were. But there was no building available. So our circle widened and widened and finally we found a place on East 24th Street between Park and Lex. The province lent us some money to help renovate it, basically."

St. Francis Residence, a 100-unit SRO facility, opened in 1980. Today St. Francis Friends of the Poor comprises three residences that offer permanent housing and support services to some 255 tenants. The residence on West 22nd Street, now sandwiched between luxury high rises, is the second. A third residence, opened in 1986, is situated on Eighth Avenue, between 17th and 18th streets.

"What we were doing by accident was creating something they now call supportive housing. It's onsite services for people with varying disabilities," Father Felice explained.

"We help with their medication management, their money management," he

"We were just young and enthusiastic, and it worked... I just have this notion of a living God. I just think that is so, and if our brains and hearts are open, they will be filled with things that are important to do."

Father John Felice, O.F.M.
50-Year jubilarian, Franciscans of Holy Name Province

said. "We have a breakfast program, a lunch program, if they want to participate. We have some activities on site and off. We have psychiatric services, medical services, entitlement services. They find a life here. Our purpose as friars is always to form a community, even among this population, which is characterized by isolation. The staff is wildly dedicated. ..."

People soon started coming from across the city, the nation and then the world to see what the three Franciscan friars had built, to ask questions, to study their methods and copy their ideas. Now there are some 16,000 units of similar housing for people with varying special needs in New York City.

"We were just young and enthusiastic, and it worked," said Father Felice. "...I just have this notion of a living God. I just think that is so, and if our brains and hearts are open, they will be filled with things that are important to do. I'm not saying we had nothing to do with it, but I am saying we

MEN OF VISION—Father John Felice, O.F.M., center, flanked by Father Thomas Walters, O.F.M., left, and Father John McVean, O.F.M., right, at St. Francis Residence II on West 22nd Street in Manhattan, one of three residences the friars operate for mentally ill people. Behind them is a painting by one of the residence's tenants. The three Franciscans established the residences, which provide a range of services, in the early 1980s. Their idea became a model for such residences throughout the world. Below, a file photo from 1984 shows Father Felice, left, and Father McVean talking to a resident.

Courtesy of Franciscan Friars: three friars Chris Sheridan, Catholic New York file photo



didn't do this alone. There is a generous God, and I thought this is a good thing and I think he did too."

A Patchogue native, he joined the Franciscans in 1962 and professed first vows in 1963. "Their simplicity of heart and genuine affection for their work attracted me," he said.

He was ordained in 1968 and became pastor at St. Francis of Assisi when he was 31. He served as provincial of Holy Name Province from 1997 to 2006, creating the Office of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

When his term ended, he returned to St. Francis Friends of the Poor where he is co-director. In June he was honored, along with other friars marking their 25th and 50th anniversaries, at the annual Jubilee Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

"When I joined the order we'd have the (jubilee) celebrations every year and we'd see all those (older friars) and wonder how could that possibly be," he recalled with a laugh. "Well, all of the sudden, you're one of them!"

"Now myself and the other friars that started this are in our 70s and our job is preparing for the future. How are we going to have a friar presence here? This is permanent but we're not."

Dominican Orders in the Archdiocese

Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt

75 YEARS

Sister William Marie Urell, O.P., a native of New York City who is now retired, was an educator in the Bronx at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, 1941-1946; St. Benedict's, 1946-47; St. Luke's, 1948-56; St. Anselm's, 1956-66; Our Lady of Victory, 1966-69; Holy Spirit, 1969-1970; St. Pius V Elementary, 1970-73; and St. Pius V High School, 1973-79. She taught at St. John's, Goshen, 1979-1987, and then did parish ministry at St. John's for two years.

60 YEARS

Sister Margaret Flood, O.P., a native of New York City, has served since 2011 as health insurance coordinator at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt. She served as chief operating officer, Dominican Sisters Family Health Service, Ossining, 1992-2011; nursing administrator at Beth Israel Medical Center, 1988-1992; staff nurse and nursing supervisor, St. Vincent's Hospital, 1970-1979; and at St. Dominic's Convent Infirmiry, Blauvelt, 1958-1959. She also served as a nurse in Wisconsin. She was in congregational administration, 1979-1987.

Sister Joanna Glover, O.P., a native of New York City, served as a pastoral assistant at Siena House, the Bronx, 1999-2000; and as a prayer minister at St. Dominic's Convent. She also served in pastoral ministry in New Jersey. She was formation director at St. Dominic's Convent, 1973-1977 and was involved in congregational administration, 1979-1984. She was a principal and teacher at St. Martin de Porres School, Poughkeepsie, 1964-1970, and St. Anselm's School, the Bronx, 1970-1971. She taught at St. Luke's, the Bronx, 1955-1963. She taught in Oceanside. In 2000, she retired to St. Martin de Porres Infirmiry, Blauvelt.

Sister Verona Harmer, O.P., a native of Jersey City, N.J., served in a variety of roles at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt: switchboard, 1975-1978; director of household management, 1978-1979; in the sisters' infirmiry kitchen, 1979-1981 and 1982-1984; in special services, 1984-1993; sacristan,

1993-2005; in the craft room, 2005-2007; and in supportive services, 2007-2010. She served at St. Dominic's Home, Blauvelt, as assistant group mother, 1955-1963; and cottage mother, 1963-1968; and as cottage mother at St. Anne's Villa, 1968-1970. She also served at St. Dominic's Home as supervisor of group living, 1970-1971; in the sisters' pantry, 1971-1972; and as a teacher's aide, 1972-1975. She retired to St. Martin de Porres Infirmiry in 2010.

Sister Angelus Healy, O.P., a native of New York City, has served since 2006 as director of resident services at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt. She was librarian at St. Dominic's School, the Bronx, 2001-2006. She served at the Lavelle School, the Bronx, as superintendent, 1997-2001, and principal, 1990-1997. She taught at St. Pius V High School, the Bronx, 1973-1985. She also served as a principal in New Jersey. She served as assistant group mother at St. Dominic's Home, 1954-1956; housemother at Catholic Center for the Blind, 1956-1958, and as teacher and house mother, Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Academy, Goshen, 1958-1971. She served as secretary general at St. Dominic's Convent, 1971-1973.

Sister Shirley Jeffcott, O.P., a native of Pawtucket, R.I., has been coordinator of Dominican charism at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt, since 2012. She taught at St. Benedict's School, the Bronx, 1957-1961; Our Saviour School, the Bronx, 1967-1969; Visitation School, Bronx, Manhattan, 1973-1976; and St. Catherine Academy, Bronx, 2003-2006. She taught and served as principal in Rhode Island, and served as a pastoral associate, in adult spirituality and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), and as educational coordinator of the Diocese of Providence.

Sister Mary Jo Lynch, O.P., a native of New York City, has served as secretary general at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt, since 2011. She was a principal and teacher of St. Pius V High School, the Bronx, 1966-2011. She taught at Holy Cross School, Manhat-

tan, 1957-1960, and St. Anselm's, the Bronx, 1960-1963. She also taught in Oceanside.

Sister Mary Carmel McEneaney, O.P., a native of New York City, has been an adviser to adult transfer students at Dominican College, Orangeburg, since 1991. She was a teacher at Our Saviour School, the Bronx, 1957-1962; St. Joseph's, Milbrook, 1962-1968; St. Luke's, the Bronx, 1968-1969; St. Martin de Porres, Poughkeepsie, 1975-1988; and St. John's, Goshen, 1988-1991. She also taught in Florida.

Sister Ursula McGovern, O.P., a native of New York City, has served since 2009 as an instructor at the Learning Resource Center at Dominican College. At St. Dominic's Home, the Bronx, she was education coordinator, 1986-1998; and director of early childhood education, 1998-2008. She taught in Rhode Island and was a teacher and principal in Wisconsin. She taught at Immaculate Conception, Amenia, 1967-1971, and St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School, the Bronx, 1978-1980. She was principal of Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Tappan, 1981-1986.

Sister Amadeus McKenna, O.P., a native of New York City, has served in pastoral ministry at St. Gabriel's parish, Riverdale, the Bronx, since 2001. She was a guidance counselor at St. Raymond Academy, the Bronx, 1998-2000. She was principal of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, City Island, the Bronx, 1968-1971. She taught at Our Lady of the Rosary, Yonkers 1956-1963; St. Charles, Staten Island, 1963-1968; and Holy Spirit, the Bronx, 1974-1977. She did parish ministry at St. Emeric's, Manhattan, 1977-1984; St. Peter's, Yonkers, 1984-1986; St. Francis Xavier, Manhattan, where she was a receptionist, 1986-1989; St. Philip Neri, the Bronx, 1989-1991; and St. John's, the Bronx, 1993-1997. She was administrator of St. Dominic's Convent and the sisters' infirmiry, 1971-1974.

Sister Mary Eileen O'Rourke, O.P., a native of New York City, taught at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, the Bronx, 1957-1966; Our Lady of the Rosary, Yonkers, 1966-1969; and Our Lady of the Assumption, the Bronx, 1969-1970. She served at St. Dominic's Home as unit supervisor, 1970-73, and group home unit supervisor and education coordinator, 1973-1995. In 1995 she was intake and referral coordinator at Good Counsel Inc. and also served as director of the congregation's Associate Program. She served as a Vista Volunteer at the Highbridge Community Life Center, 1999-2002. She was manager of the Charisma Gift Shop, St. Dominic's Convent, 2002-2008. Retired in 2009, she resides in the St. Martin de Porres Infirmiry.

Sister Marian Reed, O.P., a native of New York City, was for 36 years an assistant professor of math and science at Dominican College until her retirement in 2007. She also taught at St. Dominic's, Blauvelt, 1955-1956; St. Margaret's, Pearl River, 1956-1959; Our Saviour, the Bronx, 1959-1965; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Goshen, 1965-1969 and 1970-1971; and St. Catharine's, Blauvelt, 1969-1970.

Sister Gertrude Simpson, O.P., a native of New York City, has taught since 2003 at St. Raymond Academy for Girls in the Bronx. She also taught at SS. Philip and James, the Bronx, 1957-1967; Holy Spirit, the Bronx, 1967-1971; St. Charles, Staten Island, 1971-1985; and Our Lady of the Assumption, the Bronx, 1985-2003. Many summers were spent serving at Camp Broadlea in Goshen.

Sister Ann Therese Trinidad, O.P., a native of Ohio, taught at St. Dominic's, Blauvelt, 1954-1960; Holy Spirit, the Bronx, 1960-1967; and Our Saviour, the Bronx, 1967-1969. She was a teacher and principal of Our Lady of the Rosary, Yonkers, 1970-1985. She served as a pastoral minister to the sick at St. Joseph's parish, Bronxville, 1985-1986. She served as a teacher and principal and as a pastoral minister in New Jersey. Now retired, she resides at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt.

Sister Mary Caritas Wong, O.P., a native of Brooklyn, is a teacher and team leader of infant care at House on the Hill in Goshen, a position she has held since 1979. She was sacristan at Dominican Convent motherhouse, 1957-1960, and was a typist at Dominican Convent, 1960-1971. She was a unit childcare supervisor at St. Dominic's Home, 1971-1979.

50 YEARS

Sister Catherine Burns, O.P., a native of the Bronx, has served as a pastoral minister at Annunciation parish in Crestwood for 15 years. In the archdiocese, she taught at St. Pius V School, the Bronx; Immaculate Conception, Amenia, and St. Pius V, St. Anselm's, St. Luke's and St. Mary Star of the Sea, all the Bronx. She served as a member of the House of Prayer in Goshen, and at the Apostolic House of Prayer, Our Lady of Hope. She served as chapter secretary for the congregation and in pastoral ministry at St. John's parish, Goshen; at Assumption and Immaculate Conception parishes, Tuckahoe; the Orange County Infirmiry; and at a parish in New Jersey.

Sister Elisha Byles, O.P., a native of Jamaica, Wis., volunteers at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt. She taught at St. Dominic's School, Blauvelt, and at St. Mary Star of the Sea School, City Island. She served as director of laundry services for St. Dominic's Home; a medical aide in the sisters' infirmiry at St. Dominic's Convent, and a library clerk at Dominican College of Blauvelt. She taught in Jamaica.

Sister Mary Ann Collins, O.P., a Bronx native, is a chaplain at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and is a congregational formation minister. She is on the board of trustees of Dominican College and on the executive committee of the board of Lavelle School for the Blind, the Bronx. She served as the congregation's president and as a member of the leadership team, and as vocation and formation minister. She taught in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

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Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Springs of Bridgeport

Dominican Sisters Of Hawthorne

60 YEARS

Sister Mary Kevin Clutterbuck, O.P., serves at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, a position she has held since 2004. She also served there, 1969-1981 and 1984-1986. She served at St. Rose's Home, Manhattan, 1986-1997. She served two terms as superior at both Rosary Hill and St. Rose's and served on the congregation's general council from 1981 to 1985 and 1993 to 2001.

50 YEARS

Sister Mary Ellen Rahill, O.P., was assigned to St. Rose's Home, Manhattan, to care for cancer patients, 1984-1989 and 1998-2002. She also served at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne for several months. She is now serving at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home in Atlanta, Ga.

Sister Mary Richard Benanti, O.P., served at St. Rose's Home, Manhattan, 1974-1985 and 1991-1996. Sister is serving at Sacred Heart Home in Philadelphia.

25 YEARS

Sister Mary Lucy Hitchcock, O.P., is serving at Sacred Heart Home in Philadelphia. She served as director of nursing at Rosary Hill, 1993 to 1998, when she was appointed superior and director of nurses at St. Rose's Home, a position she held from 1998 to 2002. She attended Pace University and graduated with a nursing degree.

Dominican Sisters Of Sinsinawa, Wis.

70 YEARS

Sister Vanna Rauth, O.P.

Blauvelt...

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Academy, Goshen, and St. Pius V High School, the Bronx. She also taught in Providence, R.I., and in Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach, Fla. She served at Highbridge Community Life Center, the Bronx; Encore Community Services, Manhattan, and United Hospice of Rockland, New City.

Sister Michaela Connolly, O.P., a Bronx native, serves as president of the Dominican Sisters Conference and as a member of the sponsor board of Dominican Sisters Family Health Service. She is a member of the congregation's leadership team and has served as vocation minister. She served as director of public relations and director of development at Dominican College, Orangeburg. She taught at Holy Spirit and St. Luke's, both in the Bronx. She served as dean of students and principal at St. Raymond Academy, the Bronx. She was coordinator of the Ryan White Program for Dominican Sisters Family Health Service. She was a pastoral associate at St. Margaret's parish, Pearl River.

Sister Jo-Anne Faillace, O.P., a native of Yonkers, is in her 20th year as a pastoral care counselor with Dominican Sisters Family Health Service, Ossining. She taught at St. Dominic's and St. Catharine's, both Blauvelt, and at St. Anselm's, the Bronx. She was a core member in the House of Prayer in Goshen. She served as pastoral minister at St. Nicholas of Tolentine parish and as director of religious education and pastoral minister at Christ the King parish, both the Bronx. She was vocation director for the congregation.

Sister Margaret Ann Martin, O.P., a Bronx native,

Dominican Sisters of Hope, Ossining

75 YEARS

Sister Estelle Kilpatrick, O.P., formerly known as Sister Stella Maris, was principle at SS. John and Paul, Larchmont. She also taught at parish and secondary schools in New York and New Jersey, as well as at Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh. She was a member of the finance office staff for her congregation. She earned a doctoral degree in education curriculum.

60 YEARS

Sister Barbara Anderson, O.P., was a teacher and principal at schools in New York and New Jersey, including St. Patrick, Yorktown Heights where she served as principal, 1985-2004. She lives at the Wartburg, Mt. Vernon.

Sister Virginia Hanrahan, O.P., was a community health nurse, and later a supervisor in public health at several institutions in the Bronx including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Health Center. She is the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Home Care Association of New York State's highest award. She received her master's degree in nursing from Catholic University.

Sister Gloria Hillman, O.P., has been ministering to the elderly in Sarasota, Fla., since 2001. She was coordinator of religious education at Holy Rosary, Hawthorne. She taught at schools in New Jersey, Connecticut, North Carolina and Florida. She also ministered in religious education in Florida.

Sister Agnes Holmes, O.P., was administrator of Mount St. Mary Convent, Newburgh. She was a teacher at schools in New Jersey and Florida. She also served in pastoral ministry in Florida.

Sister Joseph Marie Levesque, O.P., taught at elementary and secondary schools in New York and Massachusetts. She was an administrator, business manager, and treasurer at several of her congregation's facilities in Massachusetts.

Sister Janine Parent, O.P., was a receptionist and office assistant at Bishop Dunn Memorial School, New-

burgh, starting in 1997. She also taught at elementary and secondary schools in New York and Connecticut. She was a teacher and principal at schools in Massachusetts. She now lives at the Wartburg, Mt. Vernon.

Sister Maura Schefter, O.P., was administrator of the Dominican Sisters Center of Hope, Newburgh. She also served there as coordinator of the Nazareth Community, 1992-1994. She was principal at St. Mary, Poughkeepsie, 1981-1991, and at SS. John and Paul, Larchmont, 1971-1981. She was a teacher at Guardian Angel, Manhattan, 1967-1971, and Nativity, the Bronx, 1961-1965. She also taught in North Carolina and Puerto Rico.

Sister Mary Angela Smith, O.P., was transportation coordinator for her congregation in Newburgh, 1995-2001. She was driver for the infirmary at Mount St. Mary Convent, 1979-1995, and provided others services there, 1972-1976. She was clerical assistant at Mount St. Mary H.S., also in Newburgh, 1976-1979. She also taught in parish schools in Florida, New Jersey and North Carolina.

50 YEARS

Sister Margaret Flynn, O.P., provided home health care, primarily with the Dominican Sisters Family Health Service. She served in Ossining, the Bronx, Manhattan, and Long Island. She also ministered in Virginia and Tennessee. Since 1995, she has served as a community health nurse at the Advocate Center, Norton, Va. She earned her degree in nursing from the University of Kentucky. She served on her congregation's central administration council, 1988-1995.

Sister Hugh James Grabowska, O.P., served in clerical and secretarial ministry at Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, and in her congregation's finance office. She also served as a sacristan and clerical specialist for the Dominican Sisters of Hope.

Sister Jo-Ann Iannotti, O.P., taught at SS. John and Paul, Larchmont, and Our Lady of Lourdes H.S., Poughkeepsie, and in New Jersey. In the Archdiocese of Hartford, she ministered in religious education in Avon, Conn., served as associate director of vocations, and in the Office of Radio and Television, as well as a reporter and photographer for the Catholic Transcript. She was a member of the leadership team of the Dominican Sisters of Hope. She was program developer at Wisdom House, Litchfield, Conn., and has continued to serve there since 2003 as art and spirituality coordinator.

Sister Jeanette Redmond, O.P., has been executive secretary in the administration offices of the Dominican Sisters of Hope, Ossining, since 2009. She previously served there as administrative assistant in the development office, 2002-2009, and as secretarial assistant and coordinator of the senior sisters. She also worked in family services in Poughkeepsie. She was executive secretary for her congregation in Newburgh. She also taught at a parish school in Toms River, N.J. and taught business at a high school in Passiac.

Sister Catherine Walsh, O.P., served as first prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Hope, 1995-1999. She has been professor of communications at Mount St. Mary College since 2000. She was a councilor and secretary general for the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh. She also taught at St. Mary, Poughkeepsie, and Bishop Dunn Memorial School, Newburgh, where she was also principal, 1974-1983. She also taught in New Jersey. She earned a doctorate in education administration and supervision from Fordham University.

70 YEARS

Sister Grace Ball, O.P.

Sister Anne Stephen Hajducek, O.P.



serves at Dominican College, Orangeburg. She was a guidance counselor at St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School, the Bronx; assistant to the associate director/guidance at Iona Pastoral Counseling Center, New Rochelle, and an alcoholism counselor at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, the Bronx. She served on the board of directors of St. Dominic's Home, Blauvelt, where she once was a cottage mother. She was an elementary school teacher at St. Dominic's School, Blauvelt, and in Wisconsin and Jamaica, West Indies. She taught high school at Aquinas, the Bronx; Our Lady of Victory Academy, Dobbs Ferry; and Sacred Heart, Yonkers. She was education coordinator of Head Start Program at St. Peter's, Yonkers, and in the CLOUT Program at Pace University, White Plains.

Sister Noreen Walsh, O.P., a native of Yonkers, is a member of the board of trustees of Dominican College, Orangeburg, and is the congregation's health care coordinator. After completing her nursing degree, she served at Misericordia Hospital and Union Hospital, both in the Bronx; Dominican Sisters Family Health Service, South Bronx Office; St. Patrick's Home, the Bronx; director of St. Dominic's Convent Infirmary; and at Wagner Nursing Agency, New York City. She served as a nurse in Mississippi. She taught at St. Catharine's School, Blauvelt; Christ the King School, the Bronx; and St. Dominic's School, Blauvelt. She also taught in Oceanside.

70 YEARS

Sister Florence Dwyer, O.P.

Sister Paraclita Sweeney, O.P.

Dominican Orders in the Archdiocese

Dominican Sisters of Sparkill

80 YEARS

Sister Lois Liekweg, O.P., a native of St. Louis, Mo., was a teacher in St. Helena's, the Bronx, 1949-1951; St. Brendan's, the Bronx, 1952-1953; and Rosary Academy, Sparkill, 1977-80. From 1980 to 1984 she worked as a regional consultant for the archdiocesan Catechetical Office. From 1984 to 1989 she was business manager at Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia. She also held many positions in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the dioceses of Brooklyn and Syracuse. Now retired, she lives at St. Agnes Residence, Sparkill.



75 YEARS

Sister Marie Daugherty, O.P., is a native of Richwoods, Mo. She was a music teacher at St. Agnes School, Sparkill, for eight years. She has served as a teacher and principal in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Diocese of Jefferson City, Mo. She served as editor, pastoral associate and minister in the archdiocesan Office of Charismatic Renewal in St. Louis. Now retired, she resides in a convent in St. Louis, Mo.

Sister Veronica Lanham, O.P., formerly known as Sister Miriam, is a native of St. Louis, Mo. She taught in the Bronx at St. Martin of Tours School, 1949-1955; St. John Chrysostom, 1955-1956; Aquinas High School, 1956-1967; and St. Helena and Msgr. Scanlan high schools, 1967-1978 and 1983-1986. From 1978 to 1982 she was manager of the Thorpe Senior Center, Sparkill. She also served in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Diocese of Brooklyn. Now retired, she resides in Siena Hall, Sparkill.

Sister Marianne Travers, O.P., a native of St. Louis, Mo., was a librarian at St. Louis University, 1975-2007. She taught at St. Catherine of Siena, Manhattan, 1943-1948, and in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Syracuse. She served in the Archdiocese of St. Louis as a teacher and librarian. She is retired and resides in Siena Hall, Sparkill.

Sister Patricia Ann Reilly, O.P., a native of New York City, served at St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, from 1969 to 1995, as a professor, chairperson and interim president. She taught at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1940-1941; St. Helena's, the Bronx, 1941-1946; Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1954-1956; St. Helena's High School, the Bronx, 1956-1969, and was principal at Cardinal McCloskey, White Plains, 1946-1954. Now retired, she resides in Siena Hall, Sparkill.

Sister Marie Jean Dempsey, O.P., is a native of Brooklyn. From 1963 to 1972 and 1980 until her retirement in 1998, she was a professor at St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill. She was a teacher at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1940-1941; St. Rita's, the Bronx, 1941-1942; St. Helena, the Bronx, 1942-1946; Car-

dinal McCloskey, White Plains, 1946-1948; Sacred Heart, Suffern, 1949-1950; Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1950-1960; and Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1960-1963. She served as president of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Manhattan College, a master's degree in English from St. John's University, and a doctorate in English from Columbia University. Retired, she lives at Siena Hall, Sparkill.

60 YEARS

Sister Nora McCarthy, O.P., formerly known as Sister Patrick Marie, is a native of New York City. She taught at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1955-1956; Our Lady of Grace, the Bronx, 1956-1958; St. Pius X, Scarsdale, 1958-1959; St. James, Carmel, 1959-1962; Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1962-1964; and St. Helena's High School, the Bronx, 1964-1969. She served in the Rockville Centre Diocese at Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville, 1969-1981. In 1981 she made the decision to work among Native Americans in Hays, Mont., where she continues to teach at St. Paul's Mission School.

Sister Patricia McLoughlin, O.P., formerly known as Sister Mary Terence, is a native of New York City. She taught at St. Ann's, the Bronx, 1955-1958; St. James the Apostle, Carmel, 1958-1959; Rosary Academy, Sparkill, 1970-1976; and Most Precious Blood, Walden, 1985-2010. From 1979 to 1985, she was a nurse in Siena Hall Infirmary at Dominican Convent, Sparkill. She offers local community service at the motherhouse, is a volunteer tutor and assists with programs at Thorpe Senior Center, Sparkill. She resides at Dominican Convent, Sparkill.

Sister Mary Keehan, O.P., formerly known as Sister Edward Marie, is a native of New York City. She was director of development at Cathedral High School, Manhattan, 1996-2001. From 1994 to 1996, she was director of the archdiocese's Inner-City Scholarship Fund. She was principal of St. John Chrysostom School, the Bronx, 1979-1994. She taught at St. Theresa's, the Bronx, 1955-1956; St. Brendan, the Bronx, 1956-1958; Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1962-1969; Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1969-71; and St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, 1972-1976. She also taught in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. Now retired, she resides in Siena Hall, Sparkill.

Sister Mary McLaughlin, O.P., formerly known as Sister Andrew Marie, is a native of New York City. She taught at St. Brendan's School, the Bronx, 1955-1960 and 1967-1991, and Annunciation, Crestwood, 1991-1995. From 1995 to 2007, she was a staff member at Dowling Gardens, an assisted living complex in Sparkill. She also served in the dioceses of Rockville Centre and Brooklyn. She retired in 2008

and resides in Siena Hall, Sparkill.

Sister Sheila Marie O'Regan, O.P., is a native of New York City. Sister has served as a teacher, assistant principal and librarian at St. Martin of Tours, the Bronx, 1955-1958, and 1966-1969; St. James, Carmel, 1958-1961; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown, 1961-1966; St. Benedict's, the Bronx, 1984-1989; St. Catherine Academy, the Bronx, 1989-2001 and Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx, 2001-2004. She also served in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. She entered the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill in 1953 and professed final vows in 1960. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from St. Thomas Aquinas College and master's degree in Library Science from St. John's University. She resides in St. Agnes Residence, Sparkill.

Sister Elizabeth McAleavey, O.P., formerly known as Sister Francis Margaret, is a native of New York City. From 2006 to 2010 she was administrative assistant at Aquinas High School in the Bronx. She served at St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx, 1955-1958; Thorpe Secretarial, Manhattan, 1959-1966; Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1966-1970; and Rosary Academy, Sparkill, 1970-1975. From 1975 to 2006, she was assistant principal at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville. She also served in the Diocese of Syracuse. She is retired and lives in Amityville.

Sister Margaret Ryan, O.P., formerly known as Sister Michael Ann, is a native of New York. For 47 years, she has served at Aquinas High School: as a teacher, 1966-1974; principal, 1974-2001; and president since 2001. She taught at St. Joseph's, the Bronx, 1955-1960; St. Pius X, Scarsdale, 1960-1961; and Thorpe Secretarial, Manhattan, 1961-1966. She resides at Aquinas High School Convent, the Bronx.

Sister Kathleen Kane, O.P., formerly known as Sister Kathleen Marie, is a native of St. Louis, Mo. She is a pastoral minister to the Native Americans on Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, Box Elder and Big Sandy, a position she has held since 2000. She taught at St. Rose of Lima, Manhattan, 1955-58. She also taught in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In 1973 she went to Hays, Mont., to work among Native Americans. From 1996 to 2000, she served as president of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill. She resides in Big Sandy, Mont.

Sister Dolores Shortal, O.P., formerly known as Sister Marian Joseph, is a native of St. Louis, Mo. She served as a teacher, director of religious education and spiritual director in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She served as a director of religious education and pastoral assistant in Montana, and also served the Native Americans on the Flathead Reservation there. She is retired and lives in Bridgeton, Mo.

Sister Marie Angeliqe Dryden, O.P., a native of St. Louis, Mo., taught at St. John Chrysostom School, the Bronx, 1955-1957;

St. Theresa's, the Bronx, 1957-1958; Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1974-76; Rosary Academy, Sparkill, 1976-1977; and St. Helena's, the Bronx, 1979-1980. She was an administrative assistant at Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1980-1984. She also taught in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In 1992 she was elected to the congregation's leadership team. From 1996 to 2005 she served at the Catholic Education Office in St. Louis. She resides at Dominican Convent in Sparkill.

Sister Joanne Deas, O.P., formerly known as Sister Theresa Anne, is a native of Mount Vernon. She is the administrator of Dominican Convent of the motherhouse in Sparkill. She has served as a teacher and administrator. She taught at St. Rose of Lima, Manhattan, 1955-1960 and 1967-1970; was principal at Our Lady of Grace, the Bronx, 1960-1962 and 1970-1977; was principal and taught at St. Paul's, Valley Cottage, 1962-1967. From 1977 to 1984 she was business manager at Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia. She was treasurer of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, 1984-1987, and from 1987 to 1994 she was a staff member in the finance office in Sparkill. She resides at Dominican Convent, Sparkill.

Sister Patricia Egan, O.P., formerly known as Sister John Michael, is a native of New York City. She served at St. Rose of Lima School, Manhattan, 1956-1958; Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1961-1965; St. Helena's High School, the Bronx, 1965-1970; Rosary Academy, Sparkill, 1970-1977; and Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1977-1993. From 2000 to 2009 she assisted with centralized health services for the congregation. She served in the Archdiocese of Newark and the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Now retired, she resides at Dominican Convent.

Sister Marianne Morelli, O.P., formerly known as Sister Carmel Marie, is a native of New York City. She served at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1955-1956; Our Lady of Grace, the Bronx, 1956-1958; St. James the Apostle, Carmel, 1958-1961; and Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1972-1985. From 1995 to 2011, she was marketing coordinator at Dowling Gardens, an assisted living complex in Sparkill. She has served in the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Brooklyn as an elementary and high school teacher. Now retired, she resides at St. Agnes Residence, Sparkill.

Sister Therese Tangney, O.P., formerly known as Sister Gerald Therese, is a native of New York. She taught at St. Joseph's, the Bronx, 1955-1956; Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1956-1960; St. Helena's, the Bronx, 1960-1962, and St. Helena's and Msgr. Scanlan high schools, the Bronx, 1966-1976. From 1976 to 1999, she was chaplain at the Westchester Developmen-

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tal and Disability Services Center. She has also served in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Now retired, she resides in Siena Hall, Sparkill.

Sister Maureen Stocking, O.P., formerly known as Sister Roy Maureen, is a native of Charleston, Mo. She taught at St. Martin of Tours, the Bronx, 1955-1957; St. Rose of Lima, Manhattan, 1957-1958; and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown, 1959-1960. She also taught in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Since 1980, she has been chaplain to the sick at St. Albert's Priory in Oak, Mo.; Rose Bud Regional Hospital in Rose Bud, Ill., and St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Sister Helen Regina Durso, O.P., a native of New York City, taught at St. Ignatius Day Nursery, Manhattan, 1956-1959; St. Rita's School, the Bronx, 1959-1965; St. Theresa's, the Bronx, 1965-1967; Sacred Heart, Suffern, 1967-1970; St. Augustine's, New City, 1970-1976 and St. Paul's, Valley Cottage, 1976-1980. In 1980 she went to serve among the Native Americans at St. Paul's Mission School in Hays, Mont., where she resides.

Sister Marie Thomas McGuire, O.P., is a native of New York. She taught at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1955-1956 and St. Columba's, Chester, 1966-1968. A registered nurse, she was a staff nurse at New York University Hospital, 1975-1979; Frances Schervier Nursing Home, the Bronx, 1979-1980; Upjohn Healthcare, 1980-1981; Calvary Hospital, Bronx, 1981-1987; Christopher Burke School, 1987-1998; P.S. 188, 1998-1999, and Venture Day Treatment Center, Sparkill, 1999-2001. From 2001 to 2007 she was a pastoral care volunteer at Nyack Hospital. Sister has served in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Diocese of Brooklyn. Now retired, she resides in St. Agnes Residence, Sparkill.

Sister Margaret Glynn, O.P., a native of New York City, taught at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1955-1956; St. Martin of Tours, the Bronx, 1956-1959 and 1969-1971; St. James, Carmel, 1959-1961; St. Ann's, the Bronx, 1961-1964; St. Anthony, Nanuet, 1974-1975; and St. Gregory, Garnerville, 1976-1996. From 2005 to 2011, she was a math teacher at Rockland Community College. She served in the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Brooklyn as an elementary and high school teacher. Now retired, she resides in Dominican Convent, Sparkill.

50 YEARS

Sister Gloria Lowe, O.P., formerly known as Sister James Andrew, is a native of New York City. For the past 42 years, she has been a teacher at St. John Chrysostom School, the Bronx. She taught at St. Anthony's, the Bronx, 1965-1968. She also served in the Diocese of Syracuse.

Sister Barbara Wright, O.P., formerly known as Sister Barbara Joan, is a native of New York. She has served since 1989 as assistant principal at Salesian High School, New Rochelle, where she taught, 1986-1989. She taught

70 YEARS

Sister Eileen Reilly, O.P.

65 YEARS

Sister Ann Marie Stoltz, O.P.

Sister Cecilia Ann Flynn, O.P.

Sister Mary Rose Mullervy, O.P.

Sister Catherine Tahaney, O.P.

Sister Mary Magdalen Fleming, O.P.

Sister Frances Dryden, O.P.

Sister Margaret Gerard von Achen, O.P.

Sister Marie Murphy, O.P.

Sister Rita Farrell, O.P.

Sister Jane Tyler, O.P.

at Our Lady of Grace, the Bronx, 1966-1969; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarsdale, 1969-1972; and St. Vito's, Mamaroneck, 1972-1986. She resides in Yonkers.

Sister Kathleen Gorman, O.P., formerly known as Sister Ellen Bernard, is the director of counseling at Touchstone Hall in Rockleigh, N.J. She taught at St. Anthony's School, the Bronx, 1966-1968; St. Paul's, Valley Cottage, 1969-1970; Rosary Academy, Sparkill, 1977-1978; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown, 1978-1981; and St. Helena's, the Bronx, 1981-1984. In 1996 she was elected to the congregation's leadership team, which she served until 2000. She also served as an educator in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. She resides in Spring Valley.

Sister Sheila Brennan, O.P., formerly known as Sister Patrick Mary, is an administrative assistant and pastoral minister at Loretto Center in St. Louis, Mo., where she now lives. She taught at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1965-1966; St. Anthony's, the Bronx, 1966-1967; and St. Paul's, Valley Cottage, 1967-1968. From 1994-2006 she was registrar at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

Sister Diane Aiken, O.P., formerly known as Sister Michael William, is a native of St. Louis, Mo. She taught at St. Anthony's School, the Bronx, 1966-1967, and at Our Lady of Grace, the Bronx, 1968-1970. She also has served in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, where she now lives, and the Diocese of Brooklyn.



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Sisters of Charity

75 YEARS

Sister Cecilia Marie Haley, S.C., taught for more than 40 years. She served at St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School, 1971-1982, and Sacred Heart School, 1963-1971, both on Staten Island. She taught in Manhattan at Sacred Heart, 1961-1963; Holy Name, 1958-1961; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1956-1958; Incarnation, 1945-1949; and Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1940-1942. She was a teacher at SS. Peter and Paul, the Bronx, 1950-1956, and St. Joseph, Yonkers, 1949-1950. She also taught in Queens. She was part of the administrative team at Mary the Ocean Star, Ventnor, N.J., 1986-1993.

Sister Kathleen Hanrahan, S.C., formerly known as Sister Miriam Francis, she served at St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers, as patient representative, 1987-2008, and as ward clerk and administrative assistant at the Family Health Center there, 1973-1978. She was assistant to the president of the Sisters of Charity, 1979-1987; retirement director, 1978-1979; coordinator for their renewal education program, 1969-1970; and director of novitiate at Mount St. Vincent, 1960-1968. She was counselor in Family Consultation Services for the archdiocese, 1968-1969. She was principal at St. John Vianney, the Bronx, 1970-1973, and St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls, 1954-1960, and taught at St. Stephen's, Manhattan 1953-1954, and St. Peter's, Poughkeepsie, 1940-1948, and in Brooklyn.

60 YEARS

Sister Immaculata Burke, S.C., has served as a missionary in the Diocese of Solola, Guatemala, since 1971 in health care, education and the care and protection of women. She attended language school in Bolivia, 1970-1971. Before that she ministered as a nurse and administrative supervisor at St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan, 1956-1970.

Sister Alice Maureen Darragh, S.C., served in database services at the Sisters of Charity Center, the Bronx, 2003-2011, and was administrative assistant to the president of the Sisters of Charity, 2000-2003. She did clerical work and computer orientation at Cathedral High School, 1994-2000, and was principal at St. Joseph's School, Florida, 1981-1994, and at Our Blessed Lady, the Bronx, 1976-1981, where she taught, 1972-1976. She taught at Cardinal Spellman, High School, 1965-1972; St. Stephen's School, Manhattan, 1963-1965; St. John the Evangelist, White Plains, 1959-1963; and St. Joseph's, Yonkers, 1956-1959.

Sister Therese Maria Dunne, S.C., was secretary at the Salesian Provincial House, New Rochelle, 2000-2002; administrative assistant at Archbishop Stepinac High School, 1998-2000; and educational coordinator at Data Systems Center, Yonkers, 1976-1998. She taught at St. Gabriel High School, New Rochelle, 1964-1976; Blessed Sacrament School, Staten Island, 1959-1962; Holy Name, Man-

hattan, 1956-1959; and St. Peter's, Haverstraw, 1956.

Sister Monica Griffin, S.C., formerly known as Sister Monica Maureen, has been secretary and bookkeeper at Incarnation Church, Manhattan, from 1996 to the present and 1987-1993. She was assistant to the congregation treasurer, the Bronx, 1993-1996, and bookkeeper and assistant director at Queens' Daughters Daycare, Yonkers, 1985-1987. She taught at Our Lady of Angels, the Bronx, 1969-1973, St. Joachim's, Beacon, 1967-1969, St. John's, White Plains, 1965-1967; SS. Peter and Paul, Bronx, 1956-1959. She was also a teacher at St. Paul's, Manhattan, 1959-1965 and 1973-1979, and youth minister there, 1979-1985.

Sister Madeleine Maria Mahoney, S.C., was assistant to the administrator at St. Patrick's Villa, Nanuet, 2004-2009, and at Mount St. Vincent Convent, the Bronx, 1999-2004. She was media coordinator for the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, the Bronx, 1996-1999, and communications director for her order, 1990-1996. She taught at Our Lady of Mercy School, Port Chester, 1973-1989; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Staten Island, 1963-1973; St. Anthony's, the Bronx, 1960-1963; Ascension, Manhattan, 1957-1960; and Blessed Sacrament, Staten Island, 1956-1957.

Sister Eileen Martin, S.C., formerly known as Sister Maureen Ann, has served in various educational and pastoral roles in the archdiocese from 1989 to the present. She was youth minister at the Capuchin Youth Ministry retreat house, Garrison, 1987-1988. She was a teacher at St. Mary's, Fishkill, 1988-1989; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Shrub Oak, 1966-1981; St. Mary's, Staten Island, 1959-1966; St. Margaret of Cortona, Bronx, 1957-1959; and St. Mary's, Yonkers, 1956-1957. She served in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and has ministered at Riverhead Prison since 2007.

Sister Kathleen McAvoy, S.C., formerly known as Sister Bernard Maria, was a guidance counselor concurrently at Immaculate Conception, St. Pius V and St. Nicholas of Tolentine, all in the Bronx, 1991-1996. She served as administrator at St. Theresa's School, Briarcliff Manor, in 1980. She was a teacher at St. Margaret's, the Bronx, 1969-1970; St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls, 1966-1967; and SS. Peter and Paul, the Bronx, 1959-1966. She also taught in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre, and served as a guidance counselor for the New York City Board of Education.

Sister Margaret McEntee, S.C., formerly known as Sister Marita James, has been the campus minister and teacher of religion at Notre Dame School, Manhattan, since 1998. She was administrator at St. Barnabas High School, 1989-1997; administrator and dean of students at St. Catharine Academy, 1987-1989; and admission counselor at the College of Mount St. Vincent, 1986-1987, all in the Bronx. She was assistant principal to the headmaster at St. Augustine's College, Nassau, Bahamas, 1975-1986. She taught at St. Anthony's, 1956-1963, and part time at Cardinal Spellman High School, 1970-1975, and St. Raymond Academy, 1973-1974, all in the Bronx. She served as director of formation at Davidson House, the Bronx, 1970-1975. She also taught in Pennsylvania.

Sister Gabriel Miriam Obraz, S.C., has served at St. Elizabeth Seton, Shrub Oak, from 1967 to the present. She was a teacher there until 1974 when she became principal, and now serves as principal and administrator. She also taught at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 1961-1966, and Immaculate Conception, 1956-1961, both on Staten Island.

Sister Theresa Rybarik, S.C., formerly Sister Paul Marie, served at St. John Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, 1979-2009, after earning a nursing degree. She taught at St. Peter's, Haverstraw, 1973-1977; St. Margaret's, the Bronx, 1970-1973; St. Peter's, Poughkeepsie, 1966-1970, and St. Stephen's, Manhattan, 1960-1962. She was also a teacher in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre.

Sister Katherine Seibert, S.C., formerly Sister Marian Dolores, is a physician serving at Hudson River Health-

Care in Sullivan County. She was chief of medical oncology at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, Bronx, and Bayley Seton Hospital, Staten Island. She earned a doctorate in microbiology at the University of Notre Dame, a medical degree at Creighton Medical School, and trained in oncology at the National Institutes of Health. She also served at the University of Connecticut. Before that she taught at Cardinal Spellman High School, 1963-1968; St. Joseph Academy, 1958-1963; and St. Peter's, Haverstraw, 1956-1958. She was also a teacher and member of the Ethics Institute at New York Medical College, Valhalla, for a number of years.

Sister Helen Maureen Wade, S.C., was the evening reference librarian at the College of Mount St. Vincent, 1975-2010. She was the media director at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, Conn., 1988-2008, and volunteered at the library at St. Barnabas High School, the Bronx, 2009-2010. She was a teacher and librarian at St. Raymond Academy for Girls, the Bronx, 1979-1988. She taught at Our Lady of Angels, the Bronx, 1963-1979; Our Lady of Mercy, Port Chester, 1959-1963; and Holy Name, Manhattan, 1956-1959.

Sister Mary Edward Zipf, S.C., has served at the College of Mount St. Vincent, the Bronx, from 1965 to the present. She was a biology instructor there, 1965-1969, and then served in the field of biology and microbiology, starting in 1973 as associate professor, professor, and superintendent of Science Hall. She was adjunct professor at Manhattan College, the Bronx, in 1978. She taught at St. Raymond High School, the Bronx, 1962-1965; St. Peter's, Yonkers, 1960-1961, and Holy Trinity, Manhattan, 1956-1960.

50 YEARS

Sister Lynn Ann Dalton, S.C., has taught religion at St. Catharine Academy, the Bronx, since 1992, and has been chairperson of the theology department since 1995. She also served at St. Peter's parish, Yonkers, first as a CCD teacher, in 1967, then as a teacher in the parish school, 1968-1992. She was also director of religious education and coordinator of the religion and after school programs there.

Sister Andrea Dixon, S.C., has been a commissioner in the archdiocesan Office of Black Ministry since 2009. After earning a master's degree in social work, she served at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Crime Victim Treatment Center, at STEPS, an organization to end family violence, 1988-1995, and as counselor advocate for incarcerated mothers in Manhattan, 1985-1988. She taught at St. Paul's, Manhattan, 1969-1985. She continues to serve as a social worker in private practice.

Sister Michelle McKeon, S.C., formerly Sister Maria Terence, has served at SS. Peter and Paul, the Bronx, since 1968. She taught until 1981 when she was named assistant principal, and became principal in 1989. She is a past president and member of the executive board of Catholic School Administrators Association of New York.

Sister Patricia Quinn, S.C., formerly Patricia Carmel, has taught at St. Peter's, Yonkers, since 2004. She taught at SS. Peter and Paul, the Bronx, 1968-2004, while serving as director of the CCD program and teaching ESL. She also taught at St. Joseph's, the Bronx, 1967-1968.

70 YEARS

Sister Marita Regina Bronner, S.C.
Sister Marietta Joseph Mackin, S.C.
Sister Elizabeth V. McLoughlin, S.C.
Sister Marie Schutte, S.C.
Sister Mary Whamond, S.C.

65 YEARS

Sister Gloria Degnan, S.C.
Sister Rita King, S.C.
Sister Patricia Lawlor, S.C.

Daughters of Divine Charity

60 YEARS

Sister Stephanie Szody, F.D.C., taught in New York and New Jersey, where she was also a principal. She has served as provincial superior and in other positions of community leadership.

25 YEARS

Sister Regina Gegic, F.D.C., is currently provincial secretary, and the administrator of St. Joseph Hill Convent, Staten Island, as well as serving in other community leadership roles. In 1994, she volunteered to nurse elderly and infirm sisters of her order in New York and New Jersey.

70 YEARS

Sister Sebastian Levay, F.D.C.

Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, New Windsor

60 YEARS

Sister Elizabeth Fortune, P.B.V.M., has served as the secretary and bookkeeper at St. John the Baptist Church, Manhattan, since 1989. She was school secretary at St. Bernard's, 1987-1988, and bursar for St. Michael High School, 1976-1987, both in Manhattan. She also taught at St. John's, Goshen, 1970-1975; St. Mary's, Kingston, 1962-1967 and 1969-1970; and Our Lady of Solace, 1961-1962, and Holy Rosary, both the Bronx, 1956-1960.

Sister Anne Ryan, P.B.V.M., is the administrative assistant for children with special needs in the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, where she was previously coordinator of special education. She also held that position for the Diocese of Albany. She was director of religious education at St. Patrick's, Highland Mills, 1996-2008. She taught at St. Mary's, Kingston, 1958-1960, and at St. Paul's, Yonkers, 1956-1958 and 1960-1962, as well as in New Jersey. She also served her community as a member of the executive board and as coordinator of the motherhouse.

50 YEARS

Sister Geraldine Corio, P.B.V.M., taught at Holy Rosary, 1971-1976, and St. Frances of Rome, 1969-1971, both in

the Bronx, as well as at St. Jude's, Manhattan, 1967-1969. She has also taught at schools in Clifton and Parsippany, N.J., and has been director of faith formation at a parish in West Milford, N.J., since 1986.

Sister Eleanor Joyce, P.B.V.M. has taught at Nora Cronin Presentation Academy, Newburgh, since 2006. She was director of religious education for Holy Family parish, New Rochelle, 2003-2006. She did workshops and retreats, 2002-2003. She was chairperson of religion at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie, and caseworker at the Dwelling Place of New York City, 1997-1998. She served her congregation on the leadership board, 1991-1997, and was director of media for the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, 1988-1992. She was a pastoral minister at Our Lady of Victory parish, the Bronx, 1987-1988; director of youth ministry at St. Michael High School, Manhattan, 1981-1987, and served as a school principal in Queens. She also taught at St. Jude's, Manhattan, 1976-1977; St. Joseph's, New Windsor, 1973-1976; Mount St. Joseph Semi-Military Academy, Newburgh, 1969-1971; and at St. Frances of Rome, the Bronx, 1967-1969 and 1970-1973.

Sister Martha Otterstedt, P.B.V.M., is vice president of the congregation, and served as novice director and

director of temporary professed sisters, 1984-1990. She was director of religious education for St. Clare's and St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus parishes, both in the Bronx, 1994-2009, and was caseworker and assistant education director at Variety House for Children in New York City, 1990-1994. She taught at St. Jude's, Manhattan, 1971-1975, and St. Frances of Rome, the Bronx, 1967-1971, where she was principal, 1975-1980. She also taught in Queens.

70 YEARS

Sister Clare Dowling, P.B.V.M.

Medical Missionaries Of Mary

50 YEARS

Sister Ann Flynn, M.M.M., who has resided since June with members of her religious community in City Island, the Bronx, is a nurse and midwife who served as a missionary to Ireland and Tanzania. In Ireland, she was a nurse tutor at an international missionary training hospital in Drogheda, 1963-1972, and later taught for a year at a missionary training school. In Tanzania, she taught in a midwifery school in Makiungu, 1972-1978, and served in congregational administration in Mwunza, 1979-1984. She returned to the United States the following year and spent many years caring for an ailing relative.

Medical Mission Sisters, Philadelphia

60 YEARS

Sister Patricia Patton, M.M.S., a native of Tarrytown, is a registered nurse who also studied midwifery. She began her mission service in Ghana as a nurse and hospital administrator before she returned to Philadelphia to serve for five years as her community's postulant mistress. From 1971 to 1982, she served as matron of the first hospital on land belonging to the Maasai people in Kenya. She was invited by the bishop to establish a community-based health care program in the Ngong Diocese. After training hundreds of community health workers, she worked with a support group of HIV-positive persons who help each other to live productive lives. In 2012, following almost 50 years on mission in Africa, she returned home and now resides at the sisters' North American headquarters in Philadelphia.

Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours

50 YEARS

Sister Fran Gorsuch, C.B.S., a native of Rochester, entered the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart in 1963 and ministered for 39 years in South Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. In 2002, she transferred to the Sisters of Bon Secours. She served as vice president of mission and now serves as director of community initiatives for Bon Secours Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern. She serves on a regional vocation team and on the sisters' peace and justice committee.

65 YEARS

Sister Mary Cabrini Bonnett, C.B.S.

Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

60 YEARS

Sister Lorraine Bunnell, A.S.C.J., formerly known as Sister Juliana, has resided since 2008 at Sacred Heart Manor, Hamden, Conn. She taught at Sacred Heart Private School, the Bronx, 1952-1961 and 2002-2003; St. Joseph's, Manhattan, 1961-1963, 1965, 1978-1981, 1986-1992 and 1996-2002; Santa Maria, the Bronx, 1968-1974 and 1983-1984, and Our Lady of Pompeii, Manhattan, 1993-1996. She taught in New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Illinois, Missouri and California.

Sister Adrienne Di Lonardo, A.S.C.J., has served at Clelian Heights, a school in Greensburg, Pa., since 1995. She was executive director there, 1995-2002. She taught at St. Joseph's School, Manhattan, 1952-1961. She was principal of elementary schools in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. She has served her congregation as formation directress and provincial superior of the U.S. Province.

Sister Rosaria Seppi, A.S.C.J., has resided at Sacred Heart Manor, Hamden, Conn., since 1999. She taught at Santa Maria School, the Bronx, 1959-1961 and 1967-1972. She also taught at elementary schools in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Missouri. She ministered at St. Anthony's Home in Connecticut and Clelian Heights, a school in Greensburg, Pa.

50 YEARS

Sister Patricia Cigrand, A.S.C.J., formerly known as Sister Edythe Paul, has served as director of Caritas Chris-

ti Center, a spiritual life center in Hamden, Conn., since 2008. She taught at Santa Maria School, the Bronx, 1968-1969, and at Our Lady of Pompeii, Manhattan, 1969-1971. She also taught and served in pastoral ministry in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Florida and Missouri.

Sister Janet Kofron, A.S.C.J., formerly known as Sister Mary Claude, is director of The Book Stop at Mount Sacred Heart, Hamden, Conn. She taught at Santa Maria School, the Bronx, 1996-1997, and Our Lady of Pompeii, Manhattan, 1976-1977. She also taught in Connecticut, Illinois and Missouri. She served in parish ministry in Connecticut. She has served her congregation as formation directress and provincial councilor.

Sister Margo Rey, A.S.C.J., formerly known as Sister Michael Ann, has since 2005 served as a teaching assistant at Clelian Heights in Greensburg, Pa. She taught at Sacred Heart Private School, the Bronx, 1963-1964. She also taught in Illinois, Missouri and Pennsylvania as well as serving retired sisters at Sacred Heart Manor, Hamden, Conn.

Sister Kathryn Skeffington, A.S.C.J., formerly known as Sister Elizabeth William, has assisted the spiritual program center at Our Lady Queen of Apostles in Imperial, Mo., since 2006. She taught at Sacred Heart Private School, the Bronx, 1973-1979. She also served in schools in Missouri and ministered to the sisters at Sacred Heart Manor, Hamden, Conn.

25 YEARS

Sister Anne Theresa Walsh, A.S.C.J., is provincial superior of the U.S. Province of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She taught in the archdiocese at St. Joseph's School, Manhattan, 1997-1998, where she also did pastoral ministry, and Santa Maria, the Bronx, 1987-1988. She has also taught in New Jersey. In 1998, Sister Anne went to Taiwan to study Chinese and opened the congregation's first mission in Asia in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. She spent six years there teaching English and religion. She has served as directress of postulants, novices and the juniorate. She was appointed vice provincial in 2007, and installed as provincial superior earlier this year. She serves at the provincial-ate in Hamden, Conn.

70 YEARS

Sister Ernestine Desiderio, A.S.C.J.

Sister Electa LaGrutta, A.S.C.J.

Sister Laurentine LaGrutta, A.S.C.J.

Ursuline Nuns, New Rochelle

60 YEARS

Sister Marian Bohan, O.S.U., who retired earlier this year, taught for 23 years at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining. She also spent many years serving as a teacher in Indonesia, beginning in 1963. She taught at several schools in Jakarta, including the University of Indonesia, Atma Jaya Catholic University and a catechetical institute. She was a translator for the Indonesian Bishops' Conference, 1977-1979, and was a member of a pastoral team in the Bajerin Kalinsana Diocese, 1979-1983. She then taught for four years at a pastoral institute in Irin Jaya, Papua. After returning to New York in 1987, she taught at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, 1988, and then at Maryknoll School of Theology, Ossining, 1989-1993.

Franciscans of Holy Name Province, Manhattan...

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Father Bernard Creighton, O.F.M., has served since 1998 as vicar of St. Anthony's Friary in Butler, N.J., where he has lived for 19 years. For 22 years before that, he was assigned to the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University, where he handled the institute's business affairs, managed printing operations and proofread some scholarly materials. For five years after his ordination to the priesthood in 1967, he was assigned to edit *The Provincial Annals*, an annual historical publication.

Father John Felice, O.F.M., a native of Patchogue, is director of St. Francis Friends of the Poor, a program for the homeless and mentally ill he co-founded with two other friars in the late 1970s. Today, the program runs three residences offering supportive services for 255 tenants. He served two terms as provincial minister, 1997-2005, and was a provincial councilor, 1976-1982. He was pastor and guardian of the Franciscans' historic St. Francis of Assisi parish and friary, Manhattan, 1973-1983. He also served in vocation ministry, working to establish a pre-novitiate program in the Bronx. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1968.

Brother Richard James, O.F.M., now retired, continues to assist at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, where he also provided health care assistance to elderly friars in recent years. He was a teacher in diocesan elementary schools in New York City, and for a time, he worked in the Franciscan Pilgrimage Office in Manhattan during the summers. Many afterschool hours were spent in the archdiocesan schools office, where he rewrote science textbooks and gave workshops to teachers. Later, he moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., where he worked for a time tailoring friars' habits and serving as a practical nurse.

Brother Michael Madden, O.F.M., who now serves at a friary in St. Petersburg, Fla., has used his maintenance skills and craftsmanship to the benefit of the friaries and other places he has served. They include years at Holy Name College in Silver Spring, Md., and Washington, D.C., when he turned out 150 solid oak chairs that now have a place in friaries throughout Holy Name Province. In the 1960s, he cared for the sick in the infirmary at St. Bonaventure's University in Olean and did maintenance work at St. Francis College in Rye Beach, N.H.

Father Emeric Meier, O.F.M., has served for the past 36 years at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston. He continues to celebrate Mass, train lectors and offer spiritual direction. He taught homiletics at Washington Theological Coalition, later known as Washington Theological Union, 1971-1974. He then served on Holy Name Province's novitiate team for four years. He also taught at the college level for more than a decade, first at Siena College, Loudonville, and then at New York University. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1968.

Father Michael Putich, O.F.M., a native of Buffalo, is now stationed at a friary there and serves as a chaplain at a VA medical center. He served in a variety of roles at Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo, where he later had two tenures as parochial vicar of a local parish. In between, he served as an administrator, first at St. Bonaventure University and then at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio. More recently he did other parish and hospital service in Buffalo. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1968.

Father William Scully, O.F.M., a native of the Bronx, has served as pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in Narrowsburg since 2005. Before that, he was pastor of a parish in Hewlett, N.J. for nine years, and served as a parochial vicar for nine years at another parish in New Jersey. He received permission from the province to serve as a senior analyst in Asian Pacific affairs with the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., for three years, beginning in 1980, and then served as a special assistant to Sen. William Roth of Delaware, now deceased, for four years. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1967.

25 YEARS

Brother Henry Fulmer, O.F.M., who serves as a pastoral associate at a parish in Anderson, S.C., holds the distinction of being one of three permanent deacons in Holy Name Province. He made his final vows as a brother in 1993 at St. Francis of Assisi parish, Manhattan. He has served at

parishes in Delaware, Maryland and North Carolina.

Brother William Herbst, O.F.M., a native of Brooklyn, is Holy Name Province's assistant director of postulancy. In the archdiocese, he served several posts at Holy Cross parish, the Bronx, 2001-2008, and he was a pastoral associate at Holy Name of Jesus parish, Manhattan, beginning in 1996. His first assignment as a friar was to direct an AIDS ministry in Providence, 1994-1996. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Father Barry Langley, O.F.M., has served for six years at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, the first five as assistant executive director. He served for 11 years as pastor of a parish in Wilmington, Del. and was parochial vicar of parishes in Tampa, Fla., and on the New Jersey Shore. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1994 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Manhattan.

Society of the Sacred Heart

60 YEARS

Sister Joan Ewing, R.S.C.J., a native of New York City, entered the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1981 after professing vows in another religious congregation. She served in pastoral ministry at Rome, N.Y., and in Brooklyn, and in administration for the Congo Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart, 1990-1998. She is now serving in a New York City public school.

50 YEARS

Sister Georgie Blaese, R.S.C.J., a native of Chicago, has served since 2000 as the educational director for Sprout Creek Farm, a working farm and educational ministry in Poughkeepsie, where she resides. She earlier served in schools in Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska and Florida. She served on the U.S. Provincial Team for the Society of the Sacred Heart, 1993-99.

Religious of Jesus and Mary, Highland Mills

50 YEARS

Sister Catherine McIntyre, R.J.M., served as director of program development at Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills, before her recent retirement. She held leadership positions in religious studies at Iona College, New Rochelle; the University of Dallas, Texas; and, for many years, in the archdiocese's Lay Spirituality Program. She holds a doctorate in theology, specializing in spirituality, from Gregorian University in Rome. Earlier in religious life, she taught religion for more than 13 years. She also served as principal of a school in Hyattsville, Md. She

continues to serve as a spiritual director.

Sister Teresita Morse, R.J.M., continues to serve as director of formation for catechetical leaders in the archdiocese and is the local superior at Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills. In 2000, as director of formation for directors and coordinators of religious education, she was general editor of the most comprehensive Handbook for Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education in the history of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office. Earlier, she taught for 10 years and held the positions of principal and superior in California.

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Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, Monroe

80 YEARS

Sister Mary Frances Cervone, P.V.M.I., a native of Manhattan, served at Marycrest Convent in Monroe, providing religious instruction to adults and ministering to those in prison through written correspondence. She was the local superior in Rome, N.Y. She did parish visitations in the Bronx at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, 1975-1993, and Blessed Sacrament, 1970-1971; in Manhattan at Our Lady of Pompeii, 1974-1975, and in New Rochelle at Holy Family, 1965-1968. She also served in Brooklyn, and in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Illinois, and in Nigeria.

50 YEARS

Sister Carmen Rivera, P.V.M.I., a native of Ciales, Puerto Rico, did parish visitations at St. Raymond's, the Bronx, 2003-2005, and St. Patrick's, Newburgh, where she also was involved in youth ministry, 1989-1991. She served at St. Joseph's parish, the Bronx, 1978-1981, and St. Ann's, Manhattan, 1971-1973. She

has served her religious community as sacristan, director of novices, general councilor, formation director and procurator. Other assignments have taken her to New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Puerto Rico, and Nigeria and the Philippines.

25 YEARS

Sister Sophia Maria Kim, P.V.M.I., born in Chung Buk, Korea, serves as religious education coordinator and youth minister at St. John Nam parish, the Bronx, where she has been stationed since 1996. She served as an assistant in the treasurer's office and sacristan at Marycrest Convent, Monroe. She also served in Queens.

70 YEARS

Sister Dolores Augustine, P.V.M.I.
Sister Agnes Cecilia Ford, P.V.M.I.

Sisters of Mercy

50 YEARS

Sister Ann Veronica Bivona, R.S.M., has been principal of St. Margaret Mary, the Bronx, since 1982. Previously she taught at Good Shepherd School, Manhattan, 1968-1982. She received honorary doctorates from Manhattan College and Fordham University and was inducted into the Mercy College Hall of Fame.

Sister Ann Marie Caron, R.S.M., has been an assistant professor at the University of St. Joseph, West Hartford, Conn. She was an adjunct professor at Iona College, 1983-1986. She lived at Sacred Heart Convent, Mt. Vernon, for a number of years and continues to offer volunteer service to ministries there.

Sister Patricia Wolf, R.S.M., has served as president of St. Catherine Academy, the Bronx, since 2006. She was a justice and peace officer at the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, 2001-2006, and president of the New York regional community, 1992-1996. She served at the Catherine McAuley Housing Foundation, 1992, and was part of the Mercy Sisters Administrative team, Silver Springs, Md., 1984-1991. She was a member of the Intercommunity Center for Peace and Justice staff, 1978-1984, and the New York Province formation team, 1973-1978. She taught at Lincoln Hall, Lincolnale, 1971-1973, and at Commander Shea High School, Manhattan, 1967-1971.

65 YEARS

Sister Marian Cumiskey, R.S.M.
Sister May Nora Kelley, R.S.M.
Sister Mary Natalie Ruane, R.S.M.

Salesians of Don Bosco, New Rochelle

60 YEARS

Father Waclaw Swierzbiolek, S.D.B., serves at the Marian Shrine, Stony Point, a position he has held since 2003, and ministers to Polish immigrants in the archdiocese and elsewhere. He also served at the Marian Shrine, 1982-1989. He served Polish immigrants in Goshen, 1989-2003. He also served in Bolivia and in his native Poland, where he was ordained in 1962.

50 YEARS

Father Javier Aracil, S.D.B., has served as parochial vicar of Holy Rosary parish, Port Chester, since 2012, and teaches Salesian pre-novices there. He was parochial vicar of Mary Help of Christians, Manhattan, 1973-1978 and 2003-2007, and Corpus Christi, Port Chester, 2011-2012. He was provincial secretary and a provincial councilor in New Rochelle, 1997-2003. He taught at Salesian High School, New Rochelle, 1963-1964; Salesian Junior Seminary, Goshen, 1964-1965; and Don Bosco Juniorate, Haverstraw, 1965-1968. He has

Discalced Carmelite Nuns, Beacon

50 YEARS

Sister Mary Theresa Lamothe, O.C.D., of the Discalced Carmelite Community in Beacon, is a native of Barre, Vt. She was in the Saranac Lake Carmel for 40 years from her entrance until 2001, the year the Carmelite monasteries in Beacon, Saranac Lake and Barre, Vt., united to become the Carmel of the Incarnation in Beacon.

Sisters of the Divine Compassion, White Plains

60 YEARS

Sister Alice Conrad, R.D.C., who lives in White Plains, is director of Shepherd's Flock, an outreach project of the Sister of the Divine Compassion, which connects those in need with others who can assist them. She taught and served as principal of John F. Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers; Sacred Heart School, Hartsdale; and St. Francis Xavier, the Bronx. She served as Rye City Clerk, worked with special needs children and served at Grace Church Community Center.

Sister Rita Dougherty, R.D.C., formerly known as Sister Mary Dolorita, served as a teacher and administrator at Good Counsel College, White Plains; Iona College, New Rochelle; and in the Diocese of Oakland, Calif. She volunteers at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and Schnurmacher

Nursing Home, both in White Plains, and in the Divine Compassion finance office.

Sister Mary Judith Henchey, R.D.C., taught at St. Joseph's School, Croton Falls, and at St. John the Evangelist School, Mahopac. She was principal of St. John's for 34 years. After retiring from administration, she worked in St. John's Food Pantry. She resides at Good Counsel in White Plains.

Sister Ellen Catherine Jackson, R.D.C., a registered nurse, served for many years as the health care supervisor for the Sisters of the Divine Compassion. She received training in pastoral counseling and was certified as a psychiatric and mental health nurse. She served at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

70 YEARS

Sister Mary Rose Golden, R.D.C.


served in Florida, Massachusetts and New Jersey. A native of Spain, he was ordained in Turin, Italy in 1963.

Father Thomas Ruckert, S.D.B., is celebrating 50 years of religious profession and 40 years of ordination. He has been pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Port Chester, since 2007 and director of the Salesian community of Port Chester,




which includes Holy Rosary Church, since 2008. He has served at Salesian schools and parishes in Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts and New Jersey. He was ordained in 1973 in Columbus, Ohio.


40 YEARS

Father Dennis Donovan, S.D.B.
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"Eventually, the gang left because we sent the boy out the back door of the school, through the convent and his parents picked him up around the corner."

And then began the then-novice teacher's so-called altercation at the 42nd.

"I was so mad, I went to the precinct," she recalled. "I said, 'I want to speak to the captain.' They said, 'Aren't you Inspector McKeon's daughter?' I said, 'I am, but I'm also a teacher across the street and I could have been stabbed in front of the school because you wouldn't send a uniform over.' And then I said, 'I don't think the Inspector's going to be too happy.'"

The captain agreed to see her, but she also told her father, who later paid a personal visit to the precinct. "In reality, we've always had a great relationship with the police department, we really have," Sister Michelle added in earnest.

Through the years, Sister Michelle has been told that as an educator, she's "tough but fair," she said.

She's also accessible. This year, on the first day of school, a boy asked to speak with her privately. He was troubled because the night before he found out he was adopted.

In addition to her open door office policy, Sister Michelle also has lunch with the students. "I find out a lot more than I



ROLE MODEL—Christine Santana, a seventh-grader at SS. Peter and Paul School, the Bronx, listens attentively to Sister Michelle McKeon, S.C., the school's principal. Sister Michelle is also a golden jubilarian, one of four Sisters of Charity of New York marking 50 years of religious life this year.
Maria R. Bastone

could even on the playground," she said.

The oldest of five children, Sister Michelle is a product of Catholic education herself. A 1959 alumna of Incarnation School in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan, she first heard the call to religious life as a fourth-grader, through her admiration for a Sister of Charity she befriended at the school.

She entered the Sisters of Charity of New York in 1963, after graduating from

Aquinas High School in the Bronx.

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However, the nursing school never refunded her deposit, she quipped. And some people in the neighborhood bet her she would be back. "I never collected on the bet."

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Her youngest sibling, her brother and godson Michael, was a baby when she entered the congregation that September. "He was 13 months when I entered and he still wasn't walking," Sister Michelle recalled. "Then he came to see me in October. I had this crazy hat on my head and he didn't recognize me. Oh, my heart was broken. He walked away from me, that's how I know he was walking" by then.

Sister Michelle made final vows in 1972. "I really feel very much at peace, that I made the right decision," she said.

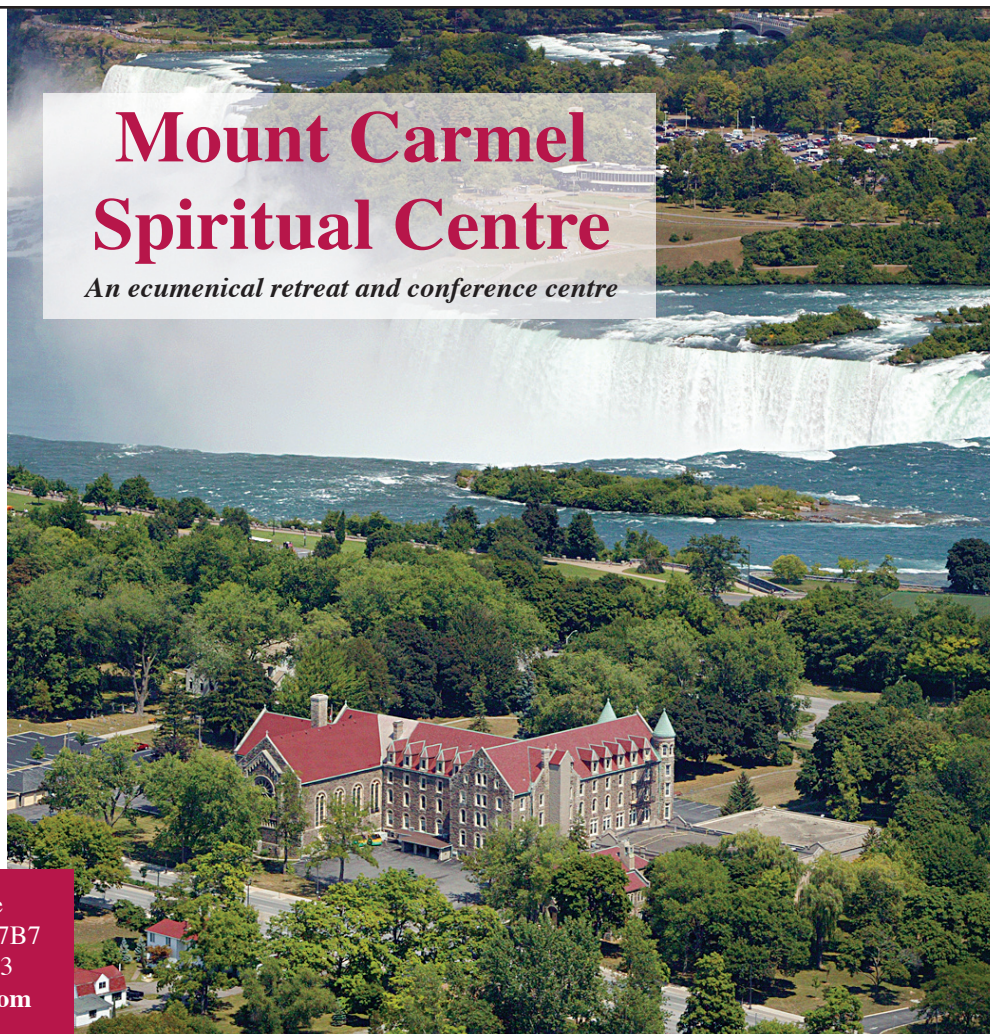
The congregation's charism resonates in her daily duties at school, she said, particularly in being "relevant to the children and families" and being mindful of the financial constraints of the respective families and the sacrifices parents make to send their children to Catholic school.

"I chose the Sisters of Charity, I really felt drawn to them, because they always wanted to work with the poor," Sister Michelle said.

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