

## Celebrating Lives of Faith



Franciscans: Brother Octavio Duran, O.F.M.

**RELIGIOUS JUBILARIANS**—Men and women religious who are marking their jubilees this year are featured in short profiles and personal reflections on the pages of this pullout section. Above, Franciscan friars of the Holy Name Province who are celebrating their 50th and 25th anniversaries of religious life pray in the sanctuary at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manhattan during Jubilee Mass June 21 celebrated by Father John O'Connor, O.F.M., back to camera, provincial minister. At right, Pallottine Sisters marking their 60th and 50th anniversaries of religious life smile during reception May 26 at Queen of Apostles Center in Monroe.



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

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Mary Byrnes, P.B.V.M.**, formerly Sister Mary Esther, serves as councilor on the congregation's leadership team and is also director of mission advancement. She taught at St. Mary's School, Kingston, 1966-1970, and St. Bartholomew's, Yonkers, 1983-1984, and was principal of St. Mary's, Fishkill, 1976-1980; St. Frances of Rome, the Bronx, 1980-1983; and St. Catherine of Genoa, Manhattan, 1984-1994. She also served at schools in the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Paterson, N.J., where she was honored in 2010 as Principal of the Year by the National Catholic Educational Association while at St. Mary's School, Pompton Lakes, N.J.

**Sister Eileen Matthews, P.B.V.M.**, formerly Sister Mary Giovanni, served as the congregation's treasurer, 1997-2000. She is now a senior consultant at Brenner, McDonagh and Tortolani, management and financial consultants for religious institutes. She taught at St.

Jude's School, Manhattan, 1966-1967, and Our Lady of Solace, the Bronx, 1969-1976. She also taught in schools and served in administrative capacities in the Diocese of Paterson and managed children and youth services at a hospital in Paterson, N.J. She also was assistant administrator of a hospital in Georgetown, Guyana.

**Sister Patricia Reills, P.B.V.M.**, formerly Sister Mary Sean, taught at Holy Rosary School, the Bronx, 1968-1969 and 1970-1974, and Mount St. Joseph Academy, New Windsor, 1969-1970. She was director of religious education at St. Rose of Lima parish, Manhattan, 1983-1984, and program coordinator of human and spiritual development at New York Foundling Hospital, Manhattan, 1991-1995. She has been associated with schools, parishes and programs in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and in the Dioceses of Worcester, Mass., and Brooklyn, where she is serving as a pastoral assistant at Our Lady of Fatima parish in East Elmhurst, Queens.

**Sister Theresa Doran, P.B.V.M.**, formerly Sister Mary Denis, is a caseworker at the Dwelling Place, a private women's shelter in Manhattan. She taught at St. Frances of Rome School, the Bronx, 1966-1969, before completing nursing studies and serving at St. Clare's Hospital, Manhattan, 1969-1977; St. John's Queens Hospital, 1981-1986 and 2000-2001; Mary Immaculate Hospital, Queens, as chaplain, 1986-1990 and 1996-2000;

Encore 49 Residence, Manhattan, 1995-1996; and Calvary Hospital, the Bronx, 2001-2011. She served at the congregation's infirmary, 1977-1981.

**Sister Kathleen Harrington, P.B.V.M.**, formerly Sister Mary Julianna, is director of religious education at St. Frances of Rome parish, the Bronx. She served as novice director, 1976-1983, and was a member of the congregation's leadership team, 1997-2009. She taught at St. Jude's, 1971-1973, and St. Michael's High School, 1973-1976, both in Manhattan; and St. Bartholomew's, Yonkers, 1983-1986. She served in the Regional Catechetical Office, New Rochelle, 1986-1997. She also served in several capacities in the Diocese of Paterson, N.J.

### 25 YEARS

**Sister Mary Catherine Redmond, P.B.V.M.**, has served as a physician assistant in the emergency room at North Central Bronx Hospital since 1999. She began her career in medicine before entering the Presentation Sisters and then served as audiologist and senior audiologist in NYU Medical Center, 1989-1997, before undertaking studies for her present ministry.

### 70 YEARS

*Sister Mary Gregory West, P.B.V.M.*  
*Sister Hannah Cox, P.B.V.M.*

## Dominican Sisters of Sparkill

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Constance Bauer, O.P.**, taught at St. Helena's Elementary School, the Bronx, 1965-1968, and at schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She served as a licensed practical nurse at a pediatric care center in St. Louis. She currently is receptionist at a parish in St. Louis. She was formerly known as Sister Leo Peter.

**Sister Sheila Bowen, O.P.**, is the director of guidance at St. Catherine Academy, the Bronx. She taught at St. Agnes School, Sparkill, 1962-1966; St. Catherine Laboure, Lake Katrine, 1968-1969; and St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx, 1973-1974. She was vocation director for the congregation, 1974-1976; education director at a child care center in Nyack, 1975-1979; volunteer coordinator at St. Helena's School in the Bronx, 1979-1980, and director of St. Ignatius Day Nursery, New York City, 1980-1988. She was a social worker at Einstein Hospital in the Bronx and at the Northside Center for Child Development in New York City. The Bronx native was formerly known as Sister Robert Patricia.

**Sister Mary Theresa Dempsey, O.P.**, is director of pastoral care at Marian Woods in Hartsdale. She taught at St. Rose of Lima School, New York,

1965-1967, and in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She served in the congregation's mission in Bahawalpur, Pakistan, as a teacher and director of adult spirituality. She was a pastoral minister at Holy Rosary, the Bronx, 1979-1981, and was co-director and spiritual director of the Corazon Program at Villa St. Dominic, Glasco, 1983-2002. The New York City native was formerly known as Sister Marie Bernard.

**Sister Elizabeth Ehlers, O.P.**, is a consultant for palliative care and bereavement. She taught at St. Brendan's School, 1966-1968, and St. Theresa's, 1968-1969, both in the Bronx, and St. James, Carmel, 1969-1975. She provided pastoral care at parishes and hospitals in the Diocese of Brooklyn. The Queens native was formerly known as Sister Mary Charles.

**Sister Mary Elizabeth Mooney, O.P.**, is principal at St. John Chrysostom in the Bronx, where she has served the school community for 38 years. She earlier taught there and served as assistant principal. She taught at Sacred Heart School, Monroe, 1966-1968, and St. Rose of Lima, Manhattan, 1968-1974. The New York City native was formerly known as Sister John Carmel.

**Sister Margaret Theresa Oettinger, O.P.**, serves as director of pastoral care at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan, a position she has held for 20 years. She taught at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1964-1965; Sacred Heart, Suffern, 1965-1967; St. Catherine Laboure, Lake Katrine, 1969-1973; and St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx, 1973-1981. She also taught in Brooklyn. She served as a pastoral minister in the congregation's mission in Multan, Pakistan. She was director of pastoral care at Cornell Medical Center, Manhattan, 1990-1992. She was born in New York City.

**Sister Patricia Saunders, O.P.**, is director of faith formation at a parish in Brookville, Fla. She taught at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1962-1964; Our Lady of Mt.

Carmel, Middletown, 1966-1969; and St. Christopher's, Red Hook, 1973-1975. She served in religious education in Florida. She taught at schools in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. The New York City native was formerly known as Sister Patricia Martin.

**Sister Rosemary Sullivan, O.P.**, is an English as a Second Language adult tutor in St. Louis. She taught at Sacred Heart, Suffern, 1965-1967. She taught in St. Louis and served there in pastoral ministry at a parish and in Hispanic ministry. She taught English as a Second Language and English for Speakers of Other Languages in Catholic and public schools in St. Louis. The St. Louis native was formerly known as Sister William Paul.

## Dominican Sisters of Peace

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Joan Franks, O.P.**, a native of New York City, served as a faculty member at Fordham University, 1987-1993. She was principal of her alma mater, Dominican Academy in Manhattan, for four years, beginning in 2005. She now teaches philosophy to seminary students at the Consolata Institute of Philosophy in

Nairobi, Kenya, and to graduate students at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. She also travels to a monastery of Dominican nuns in the area, where she teaches weekly lessons on the Dominican order's history and charism.

### 65 YEARS

*Sister Mary Cecil Grandpre, O.P.*



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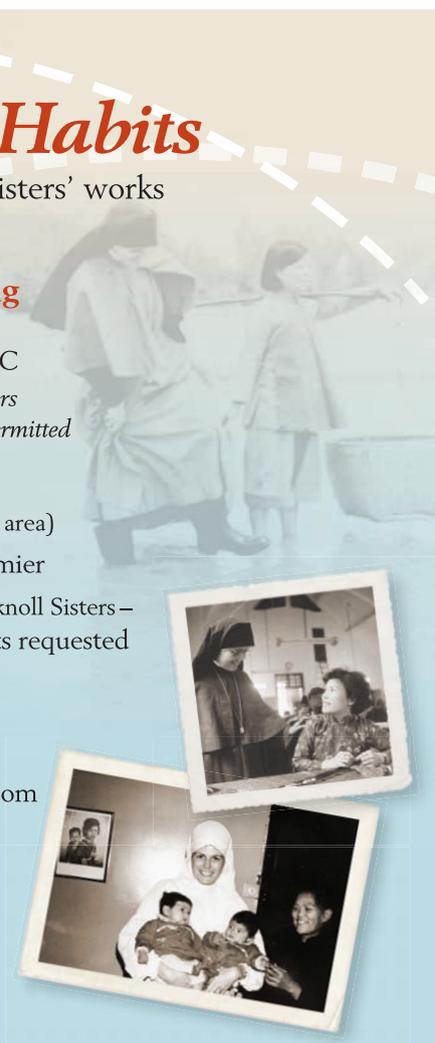
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## *Sisters of Charity of New York*

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Margaret Rose Curry, S.C.**, formerly Sister Elizabeth Marietta, taught at St. Francis Xavier and St. Brigid, both in Manhattan; and St. Gabriel and Blessed Sacrament, both in the Bronx. She was also headmistress at a school in the Bahamas. She began a nursing ministry in 1971 at New Rochelle Hospital. She also served at the United Home for Aged Hebrews, also in New Rochelle, and St. Patrick's Villa, Nanuet. She served in pastoral ministries at St. Gabriel's, New Rochelle, and Mary the Queen Convent, Yonkers.

**Sister Margaret Hannon, S.C.**, formerly Sister Marie Daniel, taught for 60 years at a number of elementary and high schools, including Cathedral High School and All Saints High School, both in Manhattan. She also taught in Brooklyn and Queens. She spent her final years as a teacher volunteering at Regis High School, Manhattan. She was also a teacher and secretary at Adept Associates in Manhattan; and a secretary in education for the archdiocese.

**Sister Catherine Smith, S.C.**, formerly Sister Miriam Magdalen, became principal of Blessed Sacrament High School, Manhattan, in 1961. She then served as director of Grace Institute, Manhattan; director of retire-

ment for her congregation; director of college services at Elizabeth Seton Junior College, and assistant administrator at Mary the Queen Convent, both in Yonkers. She also volunteered for 19 years at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Yonkers. Her early years were spent teaching in Brooklyn.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Jean Anderson, S.C.**, formerly Sister Mary Arthur, served as a teacher and group mother at St. Agatha's Home, Nanuet; and as a teacher at St. Mary's, Staten Island. In 1963, she went to the Bahamas where she was a teacher and principal, before becoming an administrator at a center for abused and abandoned children.

**Sister Edith Belmonte, S.C.**, taught in the elementary, secondary and college levels before becoming a registered nurse in 1972. She served as a staff nurse, head nurse and nurse/patient educator at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, Bronx. She then became a visiting nurse, supervisor and quality assurance coordinator at Frances Schervier Home and Hospital, also in the Bronx. She served as administrator of St. Patrick's Villa, Nanuet, 2003-2009. She now lives in Seton Village.

**Sister Philip Dolores Cacciatore, S.C.**, has taught for 32 years at Cardinal Spellman High School, the Bronx. She also taught in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre as well as within the Sisters of Charity Federation.

**Sister Theresa Courtney, S.C.**, formerly Sister Mary Colette, has spent 27 years ministering to battered women and tutoring women in prisons and shelters. She also taught at St. Ignatius School and Cathedral High School, both in Manhattan, and St. Barnabas High School, the Bronx.

**Sister Teresa Dermody, S.C.**, formerly Sister Maria Josita, spent 20 years as a teacher and campus minister at St. Barnabas High School, the Bronx. She taught at other elementary and secondary schools including St. Emeric's, Manhattan, and Visitation, the Bronx.

**Sister Elizabeth Carmela Englehardt, S.C.**, served in the offices of the New York Foundling Hospital, 1961-1992. She also taught at Grace Institute, Manhattan; St. Gabriel's, New Rochelle; St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls, SS. Peter and Paul, Bronx. She was a group mother at St. Agatha's Home, Nanuet, and served at St. Patrick's Villa, Nanuet, and at the College of Mount St. Vincent.

**Sister Geraldine Hanley, S.C.**, formerly Sister Monica Marie, is the canonical treasurer at the Sisters of Charity Center. Before that, she was the controller at Mary the Queen Convent, Yonkers. She was also an account specialist at New York Life Insurance Company. Earlier, she taught at Resurrection School, Rye; and at Blessed Sacrament, Holy Name and Sacred Heart, all in Manhattan.

**Sister Elizabeth Judge, S.C.**, formerly Sister Marietta Elizabeth, was a teacher at Cathedral High School, Manhattan, and St. Gabriel's High School, New Rochelle. She also taught in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre; and at St. Augustine's College, Bahamas. She has served in pastoral ministry in Guatemala, where she currently assists in a medical clinic.

**Sister Marie Kevin MacDonald, S.C.**, taught for more than 40 years starting at St. Agatha's Home, Nanuet. She was also a teacher at St. Joseph's, Yonkers; Sacred Heart and St. Mary's, Staten Island; St. Anthony's and SS. Peter and Paul, Bronx; and in Manhattan at St. Ann's and St. Paul's, where she was also religious edu-

cation coordinator. She also taught in Queens.

**Sister Margaret M. Smith, S.C.**, formerly Sister Frances Maureen, was a teacher for 45 years at a number of schools including Sacred Heart and Incarnation, Manhattan, and Blessed Sacrament, Staten Island. She also taught in the Bahamas. She retired from Sacred Heart, Hartsdale, in 2000, but still lives there. She volunteers at White Plains Hospital.

**Sister Patricia Ann O'Brien, S.C.**, formerly Sister Andrew Marie, was a principal at St. Joseph's, Yonkers, and also in Florida. She taught at schools including Blessed Sacrament, Staten Island; St. Emeric's, Manhattan; St. Barnabas and Nativity, both in the Bronx. She was a personnel director for Mary the Queen Convent, and served in administration for the Presentation Sisters of New Windsor.

**Sister Winifred O'Toole, S.C.**, formerly Sister Marian Robert, served as director of the learning center at Sacred Heart, Hartsdale, for 10 years. She taught at St. John's, Manhattan; St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls; St. Gabriel's, the Bronx; St. John's, White Plains; and St. Patrick's, Bedford Village. She also taught in Connecticut.

**Sister Charlotte Raftery, S.C.**, is a state licensed clinical social worker and served in East Harlem for 18 years. Previously, she taught at St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls; St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School, Staten Island; LaSalle Academy, Manhattan. She served as a formation minister and faculty adviser in the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Science.

**Sister Monica Wood, S.C.**, formerly Sister Marie Edwardine, served as director of the library at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, 2001-2012. Previously, she was associate dean of the St. John's University Library, Staten Island campus. She also taught at Cathedral High School, Manhattan; and at Cardinal Spellman High School, and St. Raymond's Elementary and Boys High School, all in the Bronx.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Regina Bechtle, S.C.**, leads retreats and spiritual programs as charism resource director for her congregation. She co-edited St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's collected writings; and has written and published poetry as well as articles on spirituality, religious life and leadership. She has served at Our Lady of Victory Academy, Dobbs Ferry; Maryknoll School of Theology, Ossining; the College of Mount St. Vincent, Riverdale. She has served in congregational leadership.

**Sister Kathleen Doherty, S.C.**, is an educator who has served with the Sisters of St. John the Baptist as well as the Sisters of Charity. She taught at Cardinal Spellman High School and St. Dominic, both in the Bronx; St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island; LaSalle Academy, Manhattan; Iona Prep, New Rochelle. She now tutors students at Abraham House in the Bronx.

**Sister Arlene K. Ketchum, S.C.**, started the Elizabeth Seton Women's Center, Manhattan, in 1996. It now serves 1600 women each year with spiritual direction and counseling as well as other programs. She taught at St. Barnabas and Nativity, the Bronx; St. Mary's, Yonkers; and in Florida.

**Sister Ann Marie Lafferty, S.C.**, serves as assistant director of the financial aid office at the College of Mount St. Vincent. She also served in the finance office and as treasurer for the congregation. Previously, she taught in the Bronx, first at Visitation, and then for 22

## *Religious of Jesus and Mary*

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Patricia Dillon, R.J.M.**, was born and raised in St. John's parish, Kingsbridge, the Bronx. She taught at St. John's School, Kingsbridge, 1963-1971. From 1974 to 1997 she held various leadership roles with the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition. Since 1998, she has been serving in Haiti where she has worked in parish ministry and in agroforestry with the local farmers.

## *Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm*

### 75 YEARS

**Sister M. Frances Michael Lacorazza, O. Carm.**, a native of New York City, has served since 1995 at St. Patrick's Home, the Bronx. She also served in the archdiocese at Carmel Richmond, Staten Island, 1983-1995. She was sacristan at St. Teresa's Motherhouse, Germantown, 1978-1983. She also served at various houses of the congregation, including Carroll Manor in Hyattsville, Md., where she opened a new foundation and served as the superior and administrator, 1957-1978.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister M. Teresa Kathleen Dominick, O. Carm.**, has served since last year at Mary Manning Walsh Home, Manhattan, where she is the director of pastoral care and prioress of the local community. She previously served mostly in administrative positions in houses of the congregation in the Midwest, although she was stationed in Brooklyn, 1991-1993.

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## Dominican Sisters of Hope, Ossining

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Ann Mildred Brown, O.P.**, taught in elementary and high schools in New York and in Massachusetts, where she also served in pastoral care and as a library assistant. She also served in congregation administration and as archivist for the Dominican Sisters in Fall River, Mass. She now lives in Mount Vernon.

**Sister Rosanne O'Rourke, O.P.**, was principal at Annunciation School in Tuckahoe, 1959-1965. She also taught at Holy Family, New Rochelle; and SS. John and Paul, Larchmont. She was a teacher and then librarian at St. Lawrence in Lindenwold, N.J., 1972-1997. She now lives in Mount Vernon.

**Sister Julie Pintal, O.P.**, taught at Fall River Diocese and North Country schools for more than 30 years. She served on the council of the Dominican Sisters of Fall River. She volunteered as a tutor with the Literacy Volunteers of America for several years. She lives in Mount Vernon.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Patricia Catlett, O.P.**, ministered in Ossining, 1958-1960. She has also served in Colorado and Ohio, as well as in Hampton Bays, in the ministries of nursing and social work. She has served with the blind, and on the housing committee for the Archdiocese of Denver where she currently lives.

**Sister Marie DiCamillo, O.P.**, taught

elementary school at schools throughout New York and New Jersey from 1954 to 1980. She was a special education teacher, a teacher of the handicapped, and a guidance and vocation counselor in New Jersey. She continues to minister there as a volunteer.

**Sister Mary Groves, O.P.**, taught at elementary and secondary schools in New York and New Jersey. She was business teacher and department chair at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie, 1963-1992, and served as part-time secretary to the Marist Brothers, also in Poughkeepsie, 1972-1987. She also served in Philadelphia. She received a bachelor's from Seton Hall University. She now lives in Mount Vernon.

**Sister Patricia Lally, O.P.**, was on the staff of the Cardinal Spellman Retreat House in the Bronx for sisters' programs and youth retreats. A certified spiritual director, she served on teams for directed retreats in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. She was also a formation and vocation director for the congregation. Previously, she taught in elementary and secondary schools in New York and New Jersey.

**Sister Eileen McCabe, O.P.**, taught at St. Patrick's School, Newburgh, 1955-1960. She was also an English teacher at a high school in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, 1960-1973. She continued to teach English at several high schools in New York

and New Jersey. She now lives in Mount Vernon.

**Sister Frances Whelan, O.P.**, has served throughout the archdiocese as well as the Diocese of Rockville Centre in nursing, pastoral care and social work. In 1995, she began to minister with the Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service in East Harlem, and also in Newburgh by providing massage therapy. She lives in New York City.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Margaret Anderson, O.P.**, has been director of guidance at the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, White Plains, since 2005. She was a teacher at schools in the archdiocese, 1966-1986, and a principal at schools in New York and New Jersey, 1986-1990. She was a social worker in New York City, 1991-1999. She has also served on her congregation's leadership team.

**Sister Ann Daniel Belmonte, O.P.**, taught at schools in New York, 1966-1979. Since then she has served in parish ministry and pastoral care in Virginia. She currently lives in Richmond.

**Sister Anne Marie Bucher, O.P.**, serves at Mary Manning Walsh Home, Manhattan, as a massage therapist and as healthcare consultant for her congregation. She has also served as a nurse, a home health aide, a health care coordinator and a public health nurse in the archdiocese.

**Sister Mary Ann Cirillo, O.P.**, taught at Bishop Dunn Memorial School, Newburgh, 1967-1968; and at SS. John and Paul School, Larchmont, 1968-1969. She also taught in Passaic, N.J., 1969-1977. She served as a pastoral minister in New York and New Jersey, 1977-1989, and in Oklahoma, 1990-2004. She has provided alternative health services in Canton, Okla.

**Sister Nancy Erts, O.P.**, has served on the staff of the Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center, Ossining, since 2004, having begun retreat work in 2001. She served her congregation as a for-

mation director and pastoral associate, 1983-1994, and as co-director of the Dominican novitiate in Manchester, Mo., 1994-2000. She also taught at schools in New York and New Jersey, 1966-1983.

**Sister Margaret Foster, O.P.**, taught at several schools, 1967-1975. She then served as a director of religious education until 1986. She has served as pastoral associate at three parishes in New Jersey, currently in Chatham.

**Sister Dorothy Ann Gensur, O.P.**, was a teacher at elementary schools in New York and New Jersey, 1962-1976. She was also principal of a school in Connecticut, 1976-1979. She has taught in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, since 1979.

**Sister Mary Ella Morrison, O.P.**, taught religion at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie, 1978-1985. Before that she taught at schools in New York and New Jersey, 1966-1978. She served as pastoral associate in Elkins, W.V., 1985-2002, where she was also involved with hospice care. She now lives in Swedesboro, N.J.

**Sister Mary Cecilia Murray, O.P.**, has taught religion at Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, since 1998. Before that she taught at secondary schools in New York and Connecticut. She was historian for the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh. She is a contributing writer for Project OPUS and the author of "Other Waters."

**Sister Marianne Watts, O.P.**, was a teacher at schools in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, 1966-1983. She was a regional coordinator for DARE for the Office of Substance Abuse in the archdiocese, 1983-1987. She was the training program administrator for the National Council on Alcoholism, White Plains, 1987-1993. She was also the founder and administrator of the Max-train education program at the Maxwell Institute, Tuckahoe. She lives in Asbury Park, N.J.

### 70 YEARS

*Sister Mary Lorraine Beckes, O.P.*

## Sisters of Charity...

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years at St. Athanasius.

**Sister Ellen Rose O'Connell, S.C.**, is director of pastoral care at Mary the Queen Convent, Yonkers. She also served as associate director of the Associates of the Sisters of Charity. She was a founder and the executive director of the North American Conference of Associates and Religious. She also taught at St. Gabriel's High School, New Rochelle; Holy Trinity, Mamaroneck; and Sacred Heart, Hartsdale.

**Sister Domenica Rocchio, S.C.**, served for more than 40 years as a high school teacher, assistant principal and principal. She served at St. Barnabas High School, the Bronx; Academy of the Resurrection, Rye; Cathedral High School, Manhattan; St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School, Staten Island; St. Gabriel, High School, New Rochelle. She was also associate superintendent for secondary schools for the archdiocese, before she went to the Archdiocese of Newark as secretary for education and superintendent of schools.

### 25 YEARS

**Sister Mary Benedict, S.C.**, has spent her entire ministry as a registered nurse in the archdiocese and is currently serving at St. Patrick's Villa, Nanuet. She also served at the Kennedy Center, Manhattan. She was a school nurse at St. Peter's Child Care Center, and also served at Mary the Queen Convent, both in Yonkers.

### 80 YEARS

*Sister Constance Horan, S.C.*

### 70 YEARS

*Sister Mary Aquin Flaherty, S.C.*  
*Sister Marie Paula Holdman, S.C.*  
*Sister Regina Michael Lowe, S.C.*  
*Sister Patrick Regina Sullivan, S.C.*

### 65 YEARS

*Sister Georgette Dircks, S.C.*  
*Sister Therese Marie Donnelly, S.C.*  
*Sister Margaret Aileen Fennell, S.C.*  
*Sister Theresa Gravino, S.C.*  
*Sister Muriel Long, S.C.*  
*Sister Marie T. Murphy, S.C.*  
*Sister Theresa Mary O'Connor, S.C.*

## Franciscan Sisters of Peace, Haverstraw

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Cecelia Hall, F.S.P.**, is a psychotherapist at Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, N.J. She is also director of formation for her community. She served on the order's leadership team, 1987-1991. She taught at St. Patrick's School, Yorktown Heights, 1969-1970, and at Sacred Heart, Highland Falls, 1967-1969. She was also an elementary school teacher and principal and a high school guidance counselor in New Jersey. She was formerly known as Sister Mary Lawrence.

**Sister Helen Wacker, F.S.P.**, has

been the congregation treasurer since 1983. She served on the order's leadership team as councilor, 1987-1991, and assistant congregation minister, 2003-2007. She served as assistant dean at Ladycliff College, Highland Falls, 1978-1980. She was a childcare worker at St. Joseph's Home, Peekskill, 1970-1972. She was also an elementary school teacher and principal in New Jersey. She was formerly known as Sister Giles.

### 65 YEARS

*Sister Regina Miriam McWilliams, F.S.P.*  
*Sister M. Ann Michael Pirich, F.S.P.*

## Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, Monroe

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Dolores Marie Poll, P.V.M.I.**, has been assistant general superior since 1997, full- and part-time vocation director since 1970, and assistant treasurer, 1990-1993 and 2000-present. She has also served as postulant director, assistant novice director, novice director and juniorate director. She was also local superior in the Bronx. She has done door-to-door parish evangelization at Holy Family, New Rochelle, 1968 and 1970-1972; Blessed Sacrament, the Bronx, 1970; St. Raymond's, the Bronx, 1972-1974 and 1987-1990; and Sacred Heart, Monroe, 1969 and 2009-2011.

## Society of the Holy Child Jesus

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Elinor Callanan, S.H.C.J.**, formerly known as Mother Dolores Mary, was born and raised in New York City. After teaching in the United States for a decade, she taught in Nigeria for the next 12 years. Since returning to America, she has ministered at the congregation's infirmary in Rosemont, Pa. Her brother, Father Joseph Callanan, was a priest of the archdiocese.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Marlene Brownnett, S.H.C.J.**, the former Mother Mary Magdalen, was a teacher and then principal at the School of the Holy Child, Suffern, 1962-1971. She served in the administration of her congregation in Rome, becoming secretary general of the society. She currently works on behalf of the beatification of her long-time friend, Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. She lives in Marian Woods, Hartsdale.

**Sister Barbara Linen, S.H.C.J.**, the former Mother Mary Kevin, is an adjunct professor at both Iona College and Felician College. Before that, she served as instructor and theologian in Rosemont, Pa.; Shreveport, La.; and Lagos, Nigeria. She has also served in the administration of her congregation.

**Sister Ann Murray, S.H.C.J.**, formerly known as Mother Ann Catherine, is a counselor at Corpus Christi School, Port Chester. She taught at St. Elizabeth's, Manhattan, 1971-1983. After earning a master's in social work, she served in New York City as a counselor for Catholic Charities, 2001-2011. She now lives in Rye.

## Maryknoll Sisters

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Agnes Chou, M.M.**, served in social work at the Chinatown Health Clinic in Manhattan, 1981-1983, followed by a year in pastoral ministry and social work in a refugee assistance program in Brooklyn. She returned to Manhattan's Chinatown, where she worked at Chinatown Headstart, 1985-1986, and Asian Family Services, 1986-1989. She earlier served as a missionary doing catechetical work in Hong Kong. She served in

## Thanks Be To God!

BY SISTER DOLORES MARIE POLL, P.V.M.I.

**A**vocation is such a beautiful gift, a great privilege. To be called to give our lives to God and His people, to be called to be His bride. What can we say except, "Thanks be to God!"

A vocation is a great gift but also a mystery. I don't know why God called me, rather than my sister, my cousins, my girlfriends, yet He did. God had other plans and graces for them, but for me the grace of a religious vocation. Thanks be to God!

I was from a normal, happy, churchgoing family. I went to public school and to religion classes once a week. In childhood and high school the thought of entering the convent never occurred to me. However, a year or so later, a few weeks after the death of my father, the thought suddenly occurred: When I die, what will I have done with my life? Maybe I should be a Sister!

I conveniently brushed it aside and went on with my life. I had a good job, I had friends and I was active in various Church groups. However, from time to time, God reminded me of that same thought: Maybe I should be a Sister! This became stronger and stronger, until, after much prayer, I knew I wouldn't be at peace with myself if I didn't go ahead.

But, what to do next? I knew almost nothing about Sisters. Then, by accident (but are there any accidents in God's providence?), a directory of the hundreds of orders in the United States came into my hands.

I knew I didn't want to be a schoolteacher, I didn't want to nurse, and I didn't want cloistered life, but

I wasn't clear on what I was searching for. I wrote to about 40 (yes, 40!) orders a very brief request for information. Responses came in, and I narrowed the field.

I was attracted to the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate because of their outreach to fallen away Catholics, the "lost sheep," and their religion classes for public school children. I knew that this was a really great need. With more thought and much prayer I came to the conviction that this was where God wanted me to love and serve Him. Not knowing about other differences in communities, I concentrated, in my discernment, on the apostolate. God led me not only to the right apostolate for me but also to a community that is very prayerful, has a happy community life and is sincere in living the vows and in being faithful to the Church. How wonderful God is! Thanks be to God!

To anyone whom God is calling, I say: "Come. It's worth it. It's worth the struggles of discernment, it's worth any misunderstanding that families or friends may have of one's vocation. You may feel scared to make the move, but ask God for the courage you need. As they say, "Come on in, the water's fine." And since it's He who is calling you over the water, who are we to refuse? He loves you. Come!

*Sister Dolores Marie Poll, P.V.M.I., is celebrating her 50th anniversary with the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate.*



pastoral work in Chicago's Chinatown, 1972-1979. She currently serves the elderly and does parish work in Hong Kong. She was born in Kung Ch'eng, China.

**Sister Maureen Hanahoe, M.M.**, a native of Rosedale, Queens, served as a nurse's aide in the motherhouse infirmary at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, 1974-1976, and provided pastoral care to residents of the sisters' nursing home there in 1997. As a missionary in Peru and Chile, she did home visitations, assisted mother's groups, served as a nurse's aide and worked in prison ministry, health education, Christian community formation and nursing. She currently serves in prison ministry in Peru.

**Sister Theresa Kastner, M.M.**, is co-director of orientation for the Maryknoll Sisters in Ossining. She served in their development and admissions departments in Ossining, 1980-1984. She was a missionary in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, doing pastoral work with women, adult education, Marriage Encounters, women's self-development courses and directing retreats. She taught English and sociology, and served as moderator of the Young Christian Workers group in the village of Hsin Chu. She is a native of Stratford, Ontario, Canada.

**Sister Rosalie LaCorte, M.M.**, has worked in promotion, direct mail and communications for the development department at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, since 2007. She worked in the promotions department there, 1977-1982. She served in her native Philippines in educational administration at Catholic schools, 1965-1977. She served in Tanzania for 26 years, working in school administration, with youth and AIDS victims, and in the communications department of the

Diocese of Musome. She was born in Lipa, Philippines.

**Sister Mary Ellen Mertens, M.M.**, worked as manager of communications at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, 1983-1988. She served in Hong Kong in catechetics and formation of Christian community in Chai Wan and did consciousness-raising among laborers in Kwun Tong. She did pastoral work in Hong Kong. She assisted Chinese immigrants and detainees in Los Angeles. She was co-director of orientation for Maryknoll Sisters in Chicago, 2001-2005. She is currently working in parish ministry in Taiwan. She is a native of Springfield, Ohio.

**Sister Jean Mary Michalec, M.M.**, is a teacher of English and environmental issues at Sophia University in Tokyo, a position she has held since 1994. She earlier taught, mentored and did research in developmental neurochemistry at the University. A missionary in Japan, she has worked with prisoners, teaching Japanese and serving in ecumenical and peace activities, and has worked on environmental issues. She earlier taught middle school students in Yokkaichi and did parish work in Suzuka. She worked in vocations for Maryknoll in San Francisco. She holds a doctorate in biochemistry from Sophia University. She was born in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada.

**Sister Joan Murry, M.M.**, serves as coordinator of offices for the Diocese of LaPaz. She served many years in Bolivia with youth and local parishes, and in campus ministry at colleges and universities. She served in the vocations office for the Diocese of LaPaz. She also

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provided training in catechetics and leadership to local residents there, 1972-1975. She served in Nicaragua and El Salvador in catechetical and youth work. She was born in East Orange, N.J.

**Sister Helene O'Sullivan, M.M.**, a native of New York City, served as president of the Maryknoll Sisters, 1997-2003. She is now serving in Cambodia working with victims of sex trafficking at the Cambodian Women's Crisis Center in Phnom Penh. She served at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Ossining in the Office of Social Concerns, 1980-1985, and in the Office of Justice and Peace, 1985-1990. She also served as director of a forum of clergy and religious based in Rome, and was a member of a jus-

tice and peace commission. She served in Hong Kong as a teacher, catechist and in justice and peace initiatives, becoming involved with a ministry to prostitutes.

**Sister Daniel Joseph Pardini, M.M.**, is a registered nurse with training in psychology of grief, loss and death and pastoral counseling. She has resided at the Maryknoll Sisters residence in Monrovia, Calif., since 2004. She served in Hong Kong at Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital, 1966-1979 and 1982-1984, and at government hospitals, 1984-1987. She worked in the health unit at Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, 1979-1981. She served from 1988 to 1995 at a housing project in Nanakuli, Hawaii. She also served in Santa Clara County, Calif. She was born in San Jose, Calif.

**Sister Suzanne Rech, M.M.**, who lives and works in Tanzania, where she has served on behalf of women and in pastoral ministry. She served in the develop-

ment and promotions department at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining. From 2005 to 2009, she served as co-director of orientation for Maryknoll Sisters. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Sister Teresita Rellosa, M.M.**, who was born in Panguil, Laguna, Philippines, has spent most of her religious life serving in her home country. She has been involved with community and advocacy work in Quezon City since 1998. She served in Manila and Baguio City and in Davao. She was a schoolteacher and administrator and parish worker in Upi and Quezon City. She did pastoral work in the rural communities of Buug and Zamboanga del Sur, 1983-1991. She worked in the development department and information services office at Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining.

**Sister Janet Srebalus, M.M.**, served for many years as a missionary in Tanzania. She currently works in holistic education and trains youth and women leaders in Morogoro, Tanzania. She taught in Morogoro and taught and served as a librarian in Dar Es Salaam. She worked with youth as a director of development for the Archdiocese of Dar Es Salaam, 1973-1978. After serving in the admissions and orientation departments of Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, 1978-1985, she returned to Tanzania to work with women in Tarime and Musoma and in pastoral ministry. She served as co-executive director of Maryknoll Affiliates, 2000-2008. She was born in Chicago Heights, Ill.

### 25 YEARS

**Sister Shu-Chen Wu, M.M.**, is co-director of orientation at the Maryknoll Sisters facility in Chicago. She served as director of cultural orientation at Maryknoll Language School in Cochabamba, 2001-2008. She was born in Feng Yuan, Taiwan.



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## Dominican Sisters Of Hawthorne

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Mary Martha Baron, O.P.**, served as a nurse at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, 1989-1992, 1978-1985 and 1971-1974. She entered the order from Pennsylvania, and now serves at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home, Atlanta, Ga.

**Sister Mary Jude McKenna, O.P.**, served at St. Rose's Home, Manhattan, 1979-1992, and was superior for her last six years there. She was on the congregation's general council, 1989-1997. She also served at Rosary Hill Home, Hawthorne, 1973-1979, and currently lives there. She entered the congregation from Long Island.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Mary Anthony Castonguay, O.P.**, served at St. Rose's Home, Manhattan, 1963-1968 and 1982-1991, nursing patients with cancer. She entered the order from White Plains and is living at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne.

### 25 YEARS

**Mother Mary Francis Lepore, O.P.**, has been the congregation's superior general since 2008. She was treasurer general, 1997-2008, and served on the general council, 2005-2008. She entered the congregation from Bethpage and has served at Rosary Hill in Hawthorne since 1987.

## Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt

### 80 YEARS

**Sister Anna Marion Romanisky, O.P.**, entered the congregation from St. Thomas Aquinas parish in the Bronx. She taught and served in parish ministry at St. Pius V, the Bronx, 1934-1940; Holy Cross, Manhattan, 1940-1946; Holy Rosary, Yonkers, 1951-1957; St. Joseph's, Millbrook, 1957-1961; St. Luke's, the Bronx, 1961-1966. She was principal of Our Lady of Victory, the Bronx, 1966-1969. She was also a teacher in Providence, R.I., 1946-1951, and Daytona, Fla., 1969-1996. She now lives at St. Martin de Porres Infirmary, Blauvelt.

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Ann Bernadette, O.P.**, entered the congregation from St. Luke's parish, the Bronx. She taught at schools on the elementary, secondary and college levels: St. Nicholas of Tolentine, the Bronx, 1941-1948 and 1958-1971; St. Anselm's, the Bronx, 1949-1956; St. Peter's, Liberty, 1956-1958, and Dominican College, Blauvelt, 1971-1997. She has lived at St. Martin de Porres Infirmary since 2005.

**Sister Rita Miriam Tucker, O.P.**, entered the order from St. Nicholas of Tolentine parish, the Bronx. She was a teacher at Our Lady of the Rosary, Yonkers, 1940-1944; St. Luke's, the Bronx, 1944-1945; St. Dominic's, Blauvelt, 1945-1947; Our Lady of the Assumption, 1947-1951; and Holy Spirit, 1951-1958; St. Anselm's, 1958-1964; St. Mary, Star of the Sea, 1971-1973; Christ the King, 1981-1984, all the Bronx. She also taught in Providence, R.I., and was both teacher and principal at Our Savior, the Bronx, 1964-1971. She also served as the coordinator of the congregation's central health office, 1984-1996. She lives at St. Martin de Porres Infirmary in Blauvelt.

**Sister Francis McLean, O.P.**, entered religious life from Sacred Heart parish, the Bronx. She tended to the education and welfare of children at St. Dominic's School and Home, Blauvelt. She taught at the school, 1945-1948; then served at the home as houseparent, 1948-1954; group living director, 1969-1972; administrator assistant, 1972-1974; and from 1974 until the present as special services coordinator. She also taught at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, 1960-1962, and Holy Spirit High School, 1968-1969, both in the Bronx; and in Providence, R.I. She was both teacher and principal at Immaculate Conception, Amenia, 1962-1968.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Roseann Flynn, O.P.**, came to New York from County Leitrim, Ireland. Her ministry has been dedicated to the care of the sick. She served as a dietary aide at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt,

1954-1955, and as a nurse's aide there, 1969-1971 and 1977-1995. She also served as a kitchen aide, student nurse and then nurse in Jamaica, West Indies, 1969-1977. Since 1995, she has assisted in the congregation's communication office.

**Sister Christine Greene, O.P.**, entered the congregation from St. Luke's parish, the Bronx. She taught at Holy Spirit, 1955-1967, and Christ the King, 1967-1969, both in the Bronx; St. Columba's, Hopewell Junction, 1969-1970; St. Catharine's, Blauvelt, 1976-1977; and at a school in Providence, R.I. She was also the principal at St. Columba's, 1978-1985, and at a school in Daytona Beach, Fla. She served in pastoral ministry from 1985 to 1997 at St. Columba's, Hopewell Junction; St. Martin de Porres, Poughkeepsie; Sacred Heart, Suffern; as well as with the Senior Citizens of Dutchess County. She retired to Marian Woods, Hartsdale, in 1997.

## Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines)

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Aloysius Palmieri, C.S.A.C.**, resides at Queen of Apostles Convent, Monroe. She taught in the archdiocese at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Bronx, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Benedicta, Staten Island; and was director of religious education at St. Lucy's, Manhattan. She also taught in Brooklyn and in New Jersey and Rhode Island. She was an assistant at a camp in Baltimore and also served in Puerto Rico.

**Sister Hyacinth Serravillo, C.S.A.C.**, served as principal at a school in Kearny, N.J. She also taught in elementary schools and served as a librarian. She was a delegate at provincial chapters. She retired in 2007 and resides at Queen of Apostles Convent.

**Sister Isabelle McCann, C.S.A.C.**, served as a principal at a school in Brooklyn. She served as Emmaus House of Prayer in Long Island. She was director of admissions at Harriman College, 1965-1970. She also taught at elementary schools. She served as a delegate to both general and provincial chapters. She retired in 2005 and resides at Queen of Apostles Convent.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Alice Marie D'Onofrio, C.S.A.C.**, has served since 1985 as a principal, teacher and now in other capacities at a high school in New Jersey. She served as a delegate to both general and provincial chapters.

**Sister Joan Marie Verdi, C.S.A.C.**, is now serving at a school in New Jersey and

**Sister Monica Masterson, O.P.**, taught at St. Benedict's, 1955-1957, St. Anselm's, 1957-1964, and St. Nicholas of Tolentine, 1964-1969, all in the Bronx; Christ the King, Yonkers, 1982-1983; Sacred Heart, Dobbs Ferry, 1983-1988; and St. Mary, Yonkers, 1988-2009. She served as a psychologist at St. Dominic's School, Blauvelt, 1969-1972; Sacred Heart and St. Joseph schools, Bronxville, 1977-1978; and as a consultant, learning specialist and psychologist at Abbot House, Ardsley, 1972-1975. She was a religious education instructor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ardsley, 2009-2010.

**Sister Stephanie Robinson, O.P.**, entered the congregation from St. John's parish, Kingsbridge, the Bronx. She served at St. Dominic's Home, Blauvelt, as a unit supervisor, dental assistant, food service supervisor and secretary, 1954-1988. She was assistant director of food services at St. Dominic's Convent and director of household services at St. Dominic's Infirmary, 1997-1999. She was secretary general for the congregation, 1999-2005. She also served as switch-

board operator at St. Dominic's Convent, 2005-2011.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Catherine Patrick Cassidy, O.P.**, entered from St. Pius V parish, the Bronx. She served children at St. Dominic's Home, Blauvelt, 1964-1969; at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Tappan, 1969-1973; St. Dominic's, Blauvelt, 1973-1979; St. John's, Goshen, 1982-2004; Sacred Heart, Suffern, 2004-2007; as well as in Mahwah, N.J. She also served at St. Martin de Porres Infirmary, 2007-2011.

**Sister John Agnes Clancy, O.P.**, entered religious life from Sacred Heart parish, Dobbs Ferry. She has served at St. Dominic's School, Blauvelt, 1964-1965; St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Bronx, 1965-1968; St. Dominic's Home, Blauvelt, 1968-1971; Abbot House, Irvington, 1971-1977; Our Lady of the Rosary, Yonkers, 1978-1982; Christ the King, Yonkers, 1982-1983; Our Lady of Victory Academy, Dobbs Ferry, 1983-1996; and Sacred Heart High School, Yonkers, 1996-1999. She has taught at Maria Regina H.S., Hartsdale, since 1999.

previously taught at another school there. She also served as director of religious education, 1978-2004, and then served as vocation director, 2004-2008. She earlier taught at elementary schools.

**Sister Patricia Gatti, C.S.A.C.**, is on the staff of a school in New Jersey, and also previously taught in that state. She also taught in the archdiocese at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Bronx; St. Patrick's Academy, Monroe; and Sacred

Heart, Suffern. She also taught in New Jersey.

**Sister Theresa Martin, C.S.A.C.**, is a nurse at the Queen of Apostles Center, Monroe. She served as a nurse at St. Patrick's Villa in Monroe, Astor Home for Children and Tuxedo Memorial Hospital. She also served as a nurse in Canada. She was moderator of St. Patrick's Villa, 1998-2005, and moderator of Queen of Apostles Center, 2005-2007.

## Dominican Sisters of Amityville

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Kevin John Shields, O.P.**, a native of Brooklyn, has served as regional catechetical director of Orange and Sullivan counties since 1998. In Sullivan County, she was director, 1990-1998, and assistant director, 1977-1990. She earlier taught at Catholic schools in the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Margaret Murphy, O.P.**, a native of Woodside, Queens, has served since 2000 as a professor of religious studies at Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh. She also was an addictions counselor at Veritas Villa, Monticello, and did social work in Orange and Sullivan counties. She earlier taught in the archdiocese at Our Lady of Sorrows School, Manhattan, and St. John the Evangelist, Goshen. She also taught in the Diocese of Brooklyn and in Puerto

Rico. She holds a doctorate in ministry from Drew University. She was formerly known as Sister Marie Owen.

## Holy Union Sisters

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Jeanne Stegmann, S.U.S.C.**, taught at St. Francis de Sales School, Manhattan, 1969-1979. She is a native of Astoria where she also served as an elementary school principal. She served a term on the congregation's provincial council.

**Sister Mary Bridget McGettigan, S.U.S.C.**, was born in Donegal, Ireland, and came to Manhattan as a child. She was a school principal on Long Island. She has ministered to elderly homebound parishioners in Queens since 1986.

## Sisters of Mercy

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Mary Kenneth Finnerty, R.S.M.**, is currently serving as a nurse at St. Peter's Boys High School, Staten Island. She served at St. Michael's Home, Staten Island, as a group mother, teacher and nurse. Her nursing career has included assignments at McAuley Center, Dobbs Ferry; St. Vincent's Hospital, Staten Island; New York Foundling Center and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Nursing Home, Staten Island. She also served at a children's hospital in New Jersey. Sister has also been a school nurse at Our Lady Help of Christians, Staten Island.

**Sister Maureen Ann McCarthy, R.S.M.**, formerly Sister M. Karen, was a teacher at St. Michael's Home, Staten Island, and at St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis Xavier, both in the Bronx. She also taught in Brasher Falls. For many years she was an assistant professor at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, where she

supervised student teachers and was coordinator of the special education program. She now resides at Marian Woods, Hartsdale.

**Sister Mary Jeannette Mendonca, R.S.M.**, was a longtime educator and guidance counselor and served at St. Michael's Home, Staten Island; Good Shepherd School, Manhattan; Sacred Heart, Mount Vernon, and St. Catharine Academy, the Bronx. She was a guidance counselor and assistant principal at Mother Cabrini High School, Man-

hattan. More recently, she served in pastoral care ministry at Mercy Hospital, Port Jervis, and Uihlein Mercy Center, Lake Placid. She now resides at Marian Woods, Hartsdale.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Kathleen Ballantine, R.S.M.**, has been an educator, principal and administrator. She taught at Our Lady of the Scapular and St. Cecilia's, both in Manhattan. She also was principal of St. Cecilia's, 1975-1990, and an administrator at St. Catharine Academy, the Bronx. For a number of years she has been assistant district computer coordinator of Pleasantville School District.

**Sister Patricia Vetrano, R.S.M.**, now serves as president of the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy and earlier was a member of the leadership team of the New York Regional Community. She was director of formation for the Sisters of Mercy and guidance counselor at Our Lady of Victory Academy, Dobbs Ferry, where she also served as principal, 1990-2000. She taught at St. Joseph's, Spring Valley, and St. Ann's, Ossining. She served in parish ministry at SS. Philip and James, the Bronx, and St. Mary's, Mount Vernon.

### 70 YEARS

*Sister Gertrude Moran, R.S.M.*

### 65 YEARS

*Sister Patricia Allen, R.S.M.*  
*Sister Ruth Ann Seguin, R.S.M.*  
*Sister M. Patrice Weber, R.S.M.*

## Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Marie Cristofani, A.S.C.J.**, taught in the archdiocese at Sacred Heart Private School, the Bronx, 1938-1940; St. Joseph's School, Manhattan, 1969-1973; Santa Maria, the Bronx, 1974-1975, and Our Lady of Pompeii, Greenwich Village, 1979-1980 and 1981-1982. She also taught at elementary schools in California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania, and served in parish schools of religion in Connecticut. She now resides at Sacred Heart Manor, Hamden, Conn., where she was one of the founding staff

members in the mission of nursing the sick and retired sisters.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Madeline Henry, A.S.C.J.**, formerly known as Sister John Berchmans, taught in the archdiocese at Sacred Heart Private School, 1951-1956, and Santa Maria School, 1956-1959, both the Bronx, and at St. Joseph's, Manhattan, 1959-1961. She also taught at elementary schools in Pennsylvania and California, and at a high school in Connecticut. She also served in parish social ministry in

Pennsylvania. Since 2001, she has been serving at the Clelian Adult Day Center in Hamden, Conn. She resides at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Vivian Chiodini, A.S.C.J.**, formerly known as Sister Laura Louise, taught in the archdiocese at Sacred Heart Private School, 1961-1963, 1994-1996 and 1997-1999, and at Santa Maria School, 1997-1999 and 2000-2001, both in the Bronx. She also taught in elementary schools in Connecticut, Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania. She was director of religious education at a parish in New Castle, Pa., and an aide to the sisters at Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden, Conn. Since 2008, she has been a religion teacher and a tutor at a school for exceptional children in Greensburg, Pa.

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## Ursuline Nuns, New Rochelle

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Mary Dowd, O.S.U.**, was coordinator of the Maura Clarke-Ita Ford Center in Brooklyn, 1994-2004. She was pastoral associate at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Harlem, 1987-1993. She served in religious education at a parish in Washington, D.C., 1977-1980, and at St. Lucy's, the Bronx, 1980-1987, and was a member of the archdiocesan committee for the Catechumenate (RCIA), 1980-1983. She taught at Ursuline Academy in Wilmington, Del., 1955-1962; taught English at the College of New Rochelle, 1962-1968; and taught and was an administrator at Ursuline Academy in Bethesda, Md., 1969-1976. Now retired, she is assistant to the coordinator of the province's Office for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.

**Sister Phyllis Hinchcliffe, O.S.U.**, was a full-time faculty member of the religious studies department at the College of New Rochelle, 1960-1993, and dean of students, 1970-1972. She taught part time there, 1994-1998, and was su-

perior of St. Teresa's Convent, New Rochelle, 1993-1998. She taught at Blessed Sacrament School, New Rochelle, 1955-1960. She was on the board of the archdiocese's Interreligious and Ecumenical Affairs Office, 1974-1995; a member of the Interreligious Council of New Rochelle, 1979-1992, and was a mission adviser and staff member of the Holy See's Permanent Observer Mission at the United Nations, 1987-1992. Now retired, she serves on ecumenical and social concerns committees.

### 25 YEARS

**Sister Patricia Schifini, O.S.U.**, is a teacher and campus minister at The Ursuline School in New Rochelle. She taught at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, the Bronx, 1986-1995. She then became a teacher and coordinator of peer ministry at The Ursuline School. She was the province's vocation director, 1997-2003, and director of the precandidacy program, 2005-2008. She has served on the province leadership team since 2007.

## *Sisters of the Divine Compassion, White Plains*

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Joan O'Sullivan, R.D.C.**, has served since 1998 as a psychologist at the R.D.C. Center for Counseling and Human Development in White Plains, a ministry of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion. She taught at St. John's School, Mahopac; St. Joseph's, Croton Falls; and Holy Name of Jesus, Valhalla. She served as principal of St. Mary's, Katonah. She worked as a special education consultant in Yonkers and as a supervisor at BOCES in Yorktown. She served as a learning disability specialist evaluator at a high school in Connecticut. She holds a doctorate in psychology from Pace University. She was formerly known as Sister Mary Victoire.

**Sister Mary Christine McGee, R.D.C.**, has been serving as a tutor in the IDEA Program at a school in Elizabeth, N.J., since 2002. In the archdiocese, she

## *Franciscan Sisters Of the Atonement- Graymoor, Garrison*

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Loretta Bezner, S.A.**, is coordinator of the eastern region of the Associates of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. She also currently serves in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. She served as a religious education teacher, program coordinator and pastoral care minister. She has spent many years in the Archdiocese of New York.

**Sister Gretta Kelleher, S.A.**, resides at the motherhouse at Graymoor in Garrison. She has served as a director of religious education and a pastoral associate. She served in New Jersey and Connecticut.

**Sister Elizabeth Kelliher, S.A.**, a native of New York City, is now serving in Canada. She has served in parishes in New York City and in daycare programs for the working poor.

**Sister Agnes Clare Vitale, S.A.**, a native of New York City, is serving in religious education ministry at a parish in Amsterdam, N.Y., continuing the service to parish and community that has been the primary focus of her religious life.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Miriam Joseph Boylan, S.A.**, has spent her religious life serving in both the United States and in Ireland, where she was born in County Leitrim. She currently is serving at a retreat house in Washington, D.C.

**Sister Patricia Burke, S.A.**, a native of the Bronx, is the pastoral care minister at Graymoor where she works with the aging and infirm. She served at Mother Lurana Home in Garrison, the motherhouse infirmary at Graymoor and St. Christopher's Inn, Graymoor. She also served in Canada and as a missionary to Japan.

**Sister Hope Marie Fulcko, S.A.**, a native of British Columbia, Canada, is now the coordinator of St. Joseph's Home in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She has also served in infirmaries at the motherhouse at Graymoor and at Mount Alverno Center, Warwick. She also served at Holy Name Friary, Ringwood, N.J. She has had nursing assignments in several states.

taught at St. Mary's, Katonah; St. Joseph's, Croton Falls; and St. Frances de Chantal and Christ the King, both in the Bronx. She also taught in New Jersey.

**Sister Margaret V. Cannon, R.D.C.**, serves in a ministry of prayer and presence for Project Haiti. From 1978 to 2003, she was a guidance counselor at Good Counsel Academy High School, White Plains, where she taught, 1956-1977. She also taught at St. Frances de Chantal, 1955-1956.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Catherine Halpin, R.D.C.**, works in Tennessee with victims of domestic violence through the Family Justice Center and as an advocate for rape survivors. She taught at St. Anthony's School, West Harrison; St. Lawrence O'Toole, Brewster; and St. Columbanus, Cortlandt Manor. She is a certified bereavement facilitator and has held positions as a hospice chaplain and parish minister in New Hampshire, Louisiana and Tennessee. She has served as victim advocate at a center for sexual assault victims and as a bereavement counselor for children, both in Knoxville, Tenn. She was formerly known as Sister Mary Paula.

**Sister Mary Blanche Haughey, R.D.C.**, served as a teacher and administrator at Pace University, and since 2006, has served at the Pace Literacy Center in White Plains. She taught at St. Anthony's School, West Harrison, Sacred Heart, Hartsdale, and St. Bernard's and Good Counsel Academy High School in White Plains, St. Theresa's in Briarcliff Manor, and St. John the Bap-

tist, Yonkers. She holds a bachelor's degree from Good Counsel College, a master's degree in education from St. John's University. She was formerly Mona Haughey.

**Sister Frances Liston, R.D.C.**, has been co-director of Mustard Seed Migrant Ministry in Goshen, a ministry of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, for 22 years. She taught at Ardsley High School and Preston High School, the Bronx. She served in parish ministry in Louisiana, Minnesota and New Hampshire. She was formerly known as Sister Edmund Marie.

**Sister Susan McCarthy, R.D.C.**, serves as workshop and promotions coordinator for Little Rock Scripture Study and serves on the board of SHORE/I-CARE in White Plains. She taught in the archdiocese at St. Mary's, Katonah; Preston High School, the Bronx; St. Nicholas of Tolentine, the Bronx; and Good Counsel Academy High School, White Plains. From 1987 to 1999, she served on the pastoral staff at St. Francis Xavier parish, Manhattan, and Christ the King, the Bronx. She was formerly known as Sister Julia Marie.

**Sister Pamela Wagner, R.D.C.**, has been co-director of Mustard Seed Migrant Ministry in Goshen since 1990. She taught at St. Joseph's, Croton Falls, and St. Lawrence O'Toole, Brewster, where she was religious education director, 1971-1974. She served in parish ministry in Louisiana, Minnesota and New Hampshire. She was formerly known as Sister Mary Joseph.

### 70 YEARS

*Sister Mary Pauline McDermott, R.D.C.*

## *Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, New Rochelle*

### 75 YEARS

**Brother William Denis Wright, C.F.C.**, a native of the Bronx, has served in the archdiocese at Power Memorial Academy and Sacred Heart Grammar School, Manhattan; St. Gabriel's Scholasticate, St. Joseph's Juniorate and Santa Maria Novitiate, all in West Park; Cardinal Hayes High School and All Hallows High School, both in the Bronx; and Cardinal Farley Military Academy, Rhinecliff. Also in Manhattan, he taught and was principal at Rice High School. He served at high schools in Schenectady and Rochester and at an academy in Antigua, West Indies, where he also was principal.

### 60 YEARS

**Brother Robert Liguori May, C.F.C.**, has served at Iona Grammar School, New Rochelle. He has also taught at schools in Illinois and served as novice master and province treasurer.

**Brother Henry Sebastian Wright, C.F.C.**, a native of the Bronx, has served in the archdiocese at Blessed Sacrament High School, New Rochelle; Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island; and Cardinal Farley Military Academy, Rhinecliff. He also was assigned to high schools in Newark, N.J., and Warwick, R.I.

### 50 YEARS

**Brother Kevin Thomas Barry, C.F.C.**, has served at Iona College, New Rochelle, since 1980. He taught undergraduate psychology for 10 years and then in the graduate programs in pastoral counseling and family counseling and, currently, the program in marriage and family therapy. From 2001 to 2011 he was supervising

psychologist at the Astor Center for Children and Family, the Bronx. He also served in the archdiocese at Rice High School, Manhattan, 1978-1980. He holds a doctorate from Columbia University.

**Brother John Blaise Brennan, C.F.C.**, has taught at a Catholic high school in Madison, Miss., since 1998. In the archdiocese, he taught at Iona Prep, 1977-1982, where he also was dean of discipline, and Iona Grammar School, 1966-1968, both New Rochelle. He has also taught and served as vice-principal and principal at high schools in Rochester; Essex, N.J.; Hendrickson, R.I.; and Miami, Fla.

**Brother Frederick Christopher Burns, C.F.C.**, a native of Brooklyn, is director of campus ministry at Tampa Catholic High School in Florida. He taught at Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, 1973-1980, and Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx, 1980-1984.

**Brother Terence Michael Connolly, C.F.C.**, a native of New York City, served for 26 years at schools in the archdiocese. He taught at St. Cecilia's School, Manhattan, 1966-1968; Iona Grammar School, New Rochelle, 1968-1973; Cardinal Hayes High School/St. Helena's Annex, the Bronx, 1973-1978. He was principal at St. Augustine's School, Highland, 1989-1996, and St. Francis De Sales and St. Lucy Academy, Manhattan, 1998-2001. He was president of Rice High School, Manhattan, 2001-2005. He is now ministering with the migrant poor in Bonita Springs, Fla.

**Brother James Austin Finnegan, C.F.C.**, served the province as assistant director of advancement, 2009-2011. From 2001 to 2009, he was delegate of the

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## Christian Brothers...

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provincial to the boards of Christian Brothers schools on the Atlantic Coast. He was associate superintendent of schools in the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., 1987-2000. He was director of guidance at Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, 1973-1984.

**Brother Francis Arthur Gammara, C.F.C.**, has been assigned to a high school in Ocala, Fla., since 2003. In the archdiocese, he served at Rice High School, Manhattan, 1966-1975, and Power Memorial Academy, 1975-1979, both Manhattan; and Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, 1979-1985.

**Brother Robert William Harris, C.F.C.**, has served at Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, since 2004. He also served at Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island, 1966-1975.

**Brother Charles Roger Haynes, C.F.C.**, served in the archdiocese at St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan, 1996-2002; Power Memorial Academy, New York, 1967-1975, and Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, 1966-1967.

**Brother Vincent Gregory McNally, C.F.C.**, has served at schools in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Chimbote, Peru. More recently, he has served the brothers' province as councilor, 1993-2002; deputy province leader, 2002-2003, and treasurer, 2003-2012.

**Brother Brian Marcellus Walsh, C.F.C.**, has served as superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Rochester, 1986-1991. He served the province as province leader, deputy province leader and councilor. Since 2009 he has been president of Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, N.J.

### 70 YEARS

*Brother Lawrence Alphonsus Killelea, C.F.C.*

*Brother Eugene Berchmans O'Brien, C.F.C.*

## Maryknoll

## Fathers and Brothers

### 60 YEARS

**Father Joseph W. Halpin, M.M.**, served in Guatemala, with his ministry there including service as a pastor, conducting agricultural and health care cooperatives, and constructing a rectory and hospice for catechists. He also served a parish in Yoakum, Texas.

**Brother Martin J. Shea, M.M.**, served in Guatemala, where he helped displaced Guatemalans return to their homeland after years of exile due to war. He was awarded the annual Healer Award from the National Assembly of Religious Brothers. He also served in Nicaragua. He was the Latin America representative to the Maryknoll Brothers' Executive Board, 1978-1983. He served in Massachusetts.

**Father Edward M. Wroblewski, M.M.**, a native of Brooklyn, served in East Africa helping to establishing the mission secondary school at Musoma College. He served at Maryknoll College in Illinois and in mission education promotion work in Michigan. From 1977 to 1999, he served on the faculty of the homiletics program, Maryknoll School of Theology, Ossining. He retired in 1999 and resides at Maryknoll Mission Center in New York. He continues to minister at the Taconic

## 'Life as a Religious Has Made Me Free'

BY DOMINIC GISONDO, F.S.C.

**D**uring my sophomore year in high school, my mother sat me down one day after school. Fearful that I had done something wrong, I was surprised when my mother simply asked me what I wanted to do with my life. When I responded that I did not know, she suggested, "Be a teacher." As a teenager, I was all set to resist her suggestion. After all, what did my mother, an Italian immigrant, know about the American culture. But strangely enough, her suggestion made sense and so the early seed of my vocation was sown.

In my junior year, a Brother vocation recruiter gave a talk to the junior and senior classes. Afterwards, my best friend and I joked about our names being prefixed by Brother. Later that year, I made a trip to the De La Salle Christian Brothers Juniorate-High School/Novitiate in Barrytown, some 95 miles north of New York City. I liked what I saw that day at Barrytown and began considering becoming a Brother.

After high school graduation, I spent the summer with my family of six visiting relatives in Bari in southern Italy. While there we visited the four major churches in Rome. It was at St. Paul Outside the Walls that I felt a special grace and peace that the Brother's vocation was what God wanted of me.

Returning home, my mother resisted my entering the De La Salle Christian Brothers' Novitiate, as she knew nothing about religious brothers. My brother was drafted for the Korean War, and my mother decided she would rather see me safe in Barrytown than fighting in a war. With time, my mother came to know the brothers and was proud of her son, the Brother.

My novitiate year was difficult as I was homesick and struggling to adjust to a new culture. My time in the scholasticate in Washington, D.C., was a settling into a life I was beginning to love and enjoy. My first year teaching was with fifth-graders in the

Bronx. After eight years of teaching in Catholic grade schools, I moved onto high school. Eventually, I served in school administration, development work, and now I am on to retirement and tutoring students.

In my earlier years, the mission of teaching was more important than my community life. In later years, this was reversed. Community life became more important. Before Vatican II regularity and fidelity to communal prayer were emphasized; however, after Vatican II personal prayer became central. Thus, my spiritual journey sought a more personal relationship with God in quiet prayer. My life as religious for 60 years has gone through many changes. It has been a happy and fulfilling journey. I have loved teaching young minds and helping them to grow. As a De La Salle Brother, community has provided me much joy, companionship and support. At the same time, it has taught me to "die to self," make sacrifices for others and to work for the common good. I have grown so much as a person, met many people, studied in Puerto Rico and Mexico, visited Italy, taken students to Spain, and obtained higher degrees in education. My life as a religious has made me free even though I have pronounced vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. How paradoxical!

Imperceptibly, a loving God has been molding me, guiding me and forming me. To this I say Amen, "Deo Gracias," Alleluia! I am grateful for my 60 years as a Brother.

*Brother Dominic Gisondo, F.S.C., is marking his 60th anniversary as a De La Salle Brother of the Christian Schools.*



Correctional Facility for Women and in the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn.

### 50 YEARS

**Father Thomas E. Danaher, M.M.**, who retired in 2010, served in Hong Kong and in Chile. He served as Maryknoll magazine's Asian correspondent, 1976-1981. He also did mission education work in Colorado. He resides at the Maryknoll residence in Los Altos, Calif.

**Father Donald J. Doherty, M.M.**, a native of the Bronx, served for 20 years in Tanzania and Kenya. He also did mission education work in Cleveland, San Francisco and Boston. He served as director of media relations and productions, 1985-1991. In the archdiocese, he served at St. Rose of Lima parish in Washington Heights, 1992-1997. He retired in 2000, but serves as a part-time chaplain at Beth Abraham Hospital in the Bronx.

**Father Joseph H. Hermes, M.M.**, has served for 30 years in Japan. Since 1998, he has served at a church in Tomakoma City and as port chaplain of the Seafarers Club. He was director of Maryknoll's mission promotion efforts in St. Louis, Mo., and Minneapolis, Minn. He was born in Alexander, Ill.

**Father John Patrick Hudert, M.M.**, serves at Mission St. Teresa's, Maryknoll's retirement residence in

Ossining, a position he has held since 1991. Since 1999, he also has managed Maryknoll's Pachamama Farm, a cooperative effort that supplies some 10,000 pounds of food annually to food pantries in Westchester. He served in East Africa, and did mission education and promotion work in Denver, Colo., and Seattle, Wash. He was born in Pompton Lakes, N.J.

**Father Daniel Powers Jensen, M.M.**, served as director of Maryknoll Residence in Los Altos, Calif. He served as assistant editor of Maryknoll magazine, 1992-1997. He worked at Maryknoll's Center for Mission Studies and Office of Justice and Peace at the Maryknoll Mission Center, Ossining, 1982-1985. He served in Guatemala, Mexico and throughout Latin America. He was born in Greenwich, Conn.

**Father Robert A. Lilly, M.M.**, retired in 2002, but continues ministry in Heron, Montana. He served in mission education promotion work in Connecticut and San Francisco. He served in Korea. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn.

**Father Robert Joseph Lloyd, M.M.**, who retired in 2001, resides in Brooklyn. He served at the Maryknoll Mission Center, Ossining, as director of vocations, 1985-1988. His mission service was in Mexico and in

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## Franciscans, Holy Name Province

### 50 YEARS

**Father Donald Chin, O.F.M.**, has served for 40 years as a missionary to Brazil, where he has been pastor and assistant pastor of several parishes and also served for a year as guardian of a house of formation.

**Father Joseph Ehrhardt, O.F.M.**, has served as a missionary to Japan and now Kenya for 45 years. After more than 20 years of service at a parish in Kenya, he has spent the past two years at provincial headquarters in Nairobi working justice, peace and integrity of creation issues.

**Father Bonaventure Hayes, O.F.M.**, a retired professor of Sacred Scripture at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, resides at Holy Name Friary in Ringwood, N.J. He worked at the seminary for a total of 29 years until 2003 as a professor, librarian, archivist and guardian of the friar community.

**Father John McVean, O.F.M.**, is program director of St. Francis Friends of the Poor, a housing program for the chronically mentally ill that he helped to found and has worked with for 43 years. The program houses approximately 250 people in three Manhattan apartment buildings.

**Father Charles Miller, O.F.M.**, who is now serving at parish in Virginia, had previously served at St. Francis of Assisi parish since 2006, most recently as parochial vicar. Early in his religious life,

he served as a missionary to Brazil for nine years. He was an assistant pastor, a teacher, guidance counselor and principal there. In the archdiocese, he has also served as parochial vicar at Holy Name of Jesus, Manhattan. He has served the Holy Name Province twice as vicar provincial and was associate vocation director and director of prenovitiate formation.

**Father Edwin Robinson, O.F.M.**, is a chaplain and director of pastoral care at St. Cabrini Nursing Home and Adult Day Center in Dobbs Ferry. A native of Reading, England, he was professed in Victoria, Australia, and came to the United States in 1976. He was a campus minister in South Carolina and also served at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Manhattan, and at a parish in Woodbridge, N.J.

**Father John Schulmeister, O.F.M.**, teaches philosophy at Notre Dame of Mary University of Maryland and also serves as a hospital chaplain and weekend assistant at a parish in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He earlier was an instructor at St. Bonaventure University and has served as a chaplain at Notre Dame of Maryland and at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. He was formerly known as Father Lawrence.

**Brother Sebastian Tobin, O.F.M.**, who serves as shoemaker for the Holy Name Province, has crafted more than

1,000 pairs of sandals for his fellow friars in the past 30 years. He has twice served at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Manhattan, and also served in Colorado and Washington, D.C., where he cared for Holy Name College.

**Father Michael Tyson, O.F.M.**, who returned to Holy Name of Jesus parish in Manhattan last year, also served there from 2002 to 2008. Also in the archdiocese, the New York City native has served at St. Francis of Assisi, Manhattan, and as pastor of Holy Cross, the Bronx. He also served as a pastor in Silver Spring, Md., and had other parish assignments in New Jersey, Delaware and in the Caribbean. He is well known and respected for his social activism in the parishes in which he has served.

### 25 YEARS

**Father Frank Sevola, O.F.M.**, has served as pastor of St. Mary's parish in

Pompton Lakes, N.J., since last year. He earlier was pastor of a parish in Providence, R.I., and also was guardian and executive director at a chapel in that city. He also served at a parish in Hartford, Conn. He was assistant director of vocations for the Holy Name Province, 1994-1995.

**Father Dennis Wilson, O.F.M.**, has served as treasurer of the Franciscans' Holy Name Province since 1994. He earlier served at the province's retreat center in Rye Beach, N.H., and at St. Bonaventure University in Olean.

**Brother Basil Valente, O.F.M.**, is a marketing communications professor at St. Bonaventure University in Olean since 1996. He previously served as assistant to the director of communications for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men in Washington, D.C., and earlier held the same position in the Holy Name provincial office.

## Redemptorists, Baltimore Province

### 50 YEARS

**Father Carlyle Blake, C.Ss.R.**, has been in residence at the Redemptorist rectory on the upper East Side in Manhattan since 2007. He served at parishes in Florida, California and Puerto Rico and in the U.S. Virgin Islands on St. Thomas and St. Croix. From 1982 to 2000, he served in full-time parish mission preaching throughout the United States.

**Father Paul Miller, C.Ss.R.**, served at parishes in Maryland, Vermont, Ohio and in Alaska and Idaho. He earlier served at the Redemptorist mission in Campo Grande, Brazil. In the archdiocese, he served at Presentation parish, Port Ewen, 1991-1999. He now serves at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

**Father Francis O'Rourke, C.Ss.R.**, has been in residence at the Redemptorist rectory on the upper East Side in Manhattan since 1999. He has served as rector of the community, 1999-2007 and from 2011 to the present. He served in Brooklyn and in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. The Brooklyn native earlier served at the missions in Campo Grande, Brazil.

**Father Thomas Travers, C.Ss.R.**, is rector of the Redemptorist community

in Esopus. The community there serves a large Hispanic population in the area and supports the nearby Centro Familiar Brazos Abiertos. He was rector of Mount St. Alphonsus Retreat House in Esopus, 2002-2010. He served in Puerto Rico and in the Dominican Republic.

### 25 YEARS

**Father Blas Cáceres, C.Ss.R.**, served in the archdiocese as parochial vicar of St. Cecilia's, East Harlem, 1999-2008, and at Most Holy Redeemer, Manhattan, 2008-2010. He earlier served in Paraguay. He is now parochial vicar at a parish in Annapolis, Md.

**Father Paul Borowski, C.Ss.R.**, is pastor of a parish in Saratoga Springs. He served 15 years in ministry with men in formation for the Redemptorists at the St. Alphonsus Residence in Whitestone, Queens, beginning in 1990. He earlier served in Maryland and Connecticut.

### 65 YEARS

*Father Raymond McCarthy, C.Ss.R.*  
*Father James Lundy, C.Ss.R.*

### 40 YEARS

*Father James Gilmour, C.Ss.R.*  
*Father Francis Skelly, C.Ss.R.*

## Maryknoll...

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India and Nepal. He served two terms as superior of Maryknoll's retirement community.

**Brother Andrew E. Marsolek, M.M.**, served on the photography staff of Maryknoll magazine and Revista Maryknoll, 1986-2006. He served in Maryknoll's mission promotion department in New York and California to promote Revista Maryknoll. He also served in Florida and in Mexico. He was born in Independence, Wis.

**Father John F. Soltis, M.M.**, served in Washington, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska, California, Nevada and Hawaii in mission education and promotion work. He served as director of Maryknoll's Denver Development House. He served in an outreach program for the Korean Catholic community in Hawaii and at a parish in Hawaii. He was part-time director of the Maryknoll Hawaii Society House from 2004 until it closed. The native of Minneapolis now resides in Woodland, Calif.

**Father Gerald M. Wichenhauser, M.M.**, retired in 2004 and resides in

Godfrey, Ill., where he celebrates Mass at nearby parishes and in the Ursuline Convent in Alton, Ill. He served in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico. He served in Brazil, Indonesia and the Philippines. He was born in Alton, Ill.

**Brother Donald R. Mirani, M.M.**, served as co-director of Maryknoll's New York City House, 1990-1999. In Chile, he directed Maryknoll's Santiago Society House, 1974-1990. He retired in 1999 and resides at the Maryknoll Mission Center in New York and serves part time in the controller's office there. He was born in Detroit, Mich., and served in the U.S. Army before entering religious life.

**Father William F. Mullan, M.M.**, served as Maryknoll's U.S. regional superior in Central America, 1991-1997. Since 1998 he has served the Mayan Q'eqchi people in Peten, Guatemala. He was born in Jersey City, N.J.

### 65 YEARS

*Father Joseph S. Pulaski, M.M.*

### 40 YEARS

*Father Edward O. Custer, M.M.*  
*Father Paul R. Masson, M.M.*

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## Franciscan Friars of the Atonement-Graymoor, Garrison

### 60 YEARS

**Father Charles Angell, S.A.**, a native of Brooklyn, has served since 1995 as chaplain of St. Christopher's Inn, the friars' substance abuse treatment center and residence at Graymoor in Garrison. A convert to Catholicism, he entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1952 and was ordained in 1960. He holds a doctorate of sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, where he later taught ecumenical theology. His assignments include teaching on the seminary level, editing his community's ecumenical publications and other ecumenical work. From 1978 to 1988, he represented the friars in Rome as procurator general to the Holy See, rector of the Church of Sant' Onofrio al Gianicolo and director of the Centro Pro Unione. From 1992 to 1994, he was director of Interreligious Affairs for the Diocese of Venice, Fla., and served as parochial vicar of a parish in Sarasota.

**Father David Fitzgerald, S.A.**, is now serving as pastor of a parish in Apex, N.C., and served as pastor in Lumberton, N.C. He also was retreat coordinator at Graymoor and has served as moderator of the St. Margaret of Scotland Guild and as a member of the Graymoor Mission Band. He has also served in Brockton, Mass. He entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1952, professed vows in 1959 and was ordained in 1965.

**Brother Leo Hall, S.A.**, was in charge of plant maintenance at Graymoor in Garrison, where he now resides, for many years. From 1965 to 1983, he served in the friars' missions in Brazil, principally in the parish

of Jatai, where he worked with youth, organized soccer teams and constructed homes for poor families. He also served in Cumberland, R.I., and in Washington, D.C. He entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1952 and professed final vows in 1961.

**Father Malcolm Martin, S.A.**, served in Brazil for 26 years, first as regional superior from 1963 to 1971 and then in the Office of Ecumenism of the Archdiocese of Sao Paulo, 1977 to 1995. He also served as guardian of St. Paul's Friary at Graymoor. Before retiring, he served at a chapel in Brockton, Mass. He entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1952, professed vows in 1956 and was ordained in 1962. He served as a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army in the Philippines, 1944-1946. He now resides at Field Home-Holy Comforter in Cortlandt Manor.

**Brother Francis René Papineau, S.A.**, served in the U.S. Navy before entering the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1952. He professed vows in 1955 and has been engaged in a variety of ministries within the community, including food service, bookkeeping and maintenance work. He is retired and living at Graymoor.

### 50 YEARS

**Brother Charles Kenney, S.A.**, a native of Brooklyn, has served since 1995 at St. Christopher's Inn, the friars' substance abuse treatment center and residence at Graymoor in Garrison. From 1984 to 1995, he served in the friars' pastoral ministries in Jamaica, the West Indies. He served in administration and did mainte-

nance work at New Hope Manor, 1977-1984. He served at a parish in Hereford, Texas, 1975-1977, where his duties included visiting the sick in their homes and at the local hospital, and serving as a lector and a Eucharistic minister. Brother Kenney, who entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1962, served in several administrative and maintenance positions at Graymoor in his early years of religious life.

**Father Bernard Palka, S.A.**, now serving as a chaplain to the Department of Corrections in Connecticut, served from 2000 to 2010 as the president and CEO of St. Christopher's Inn, a substance abuse treatment facility and residence located at Graymoor in Garrison. He had served as executive director of St. Christopher's from 1993 to 2000, when a lay board of directors was established. He earlier was executive director of Hawthorne House in White Plains and program director of St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center in Saranac Lake, where he led the center's conversion to a co-educational facility. In 1987, he was appointed to the friars' General Council. From 1972 to 1977, he was assigned to the drug rehabilitation program at New Hope Manor, then at Graymoor. He entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1962, professed first vows in 1964 and was ordained in 1972.

### 25 YEARS

**Father Thomas Orians, S.A.**, is director of Graymoor Spiritual Life Center and associate director of Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, where he is coordinator of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. He serves on the National Council of Churches' committee on local and regional ecumenism and formerly served on the World AIDS Day steering committee of the World Health Organization. He had served as associate campus minister of Felician College in Lodi, N.J.; director of campus ministry at Caldwell College in Caldwell, N.J.; and in pastoral ministry in British Columbia. He entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1985, professed vows in 1987 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1992.

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