

## Religious Jubilarians 2017



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**SETTING A PLACE**—Above, Liz Fackina (blue shirt) and Francesca Ciolino-Volano (black sweater) place small gift bags at each table setting for residents at The Dwelling Place in Manhattan in April. The Dwelling Place, a homeless shelter for women, marked its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Oct. 4. Top right, The Dwelling Place has been located in a former convent of St. Clemens Mary parish. Left, Sister Joann Sambs, C.S.A., the administrator of The Dwelling Place, is one of three sisters serving full time, along with caseworkers Sister Nancy Chiarello, O.S.F., and Sister Patricia Ginty, O.S.B.



## The Dwelling Place: 40 Years 'Leading Women From Homeless to Home'

By DAN PIETRAFESA

**S**ister Nancy Chiarello, O.S.F., reflects back with mixed emotions as The Dwelling Place of New York marked its 40th anniversary this month.

"I always think back when we say we're here 40 years. Part of me becomes saddened by it, because the fact is we're needed 40 years later," Sister Nancy told CNY. "But then I have to look at the positive side of it, which is for 40 years God has been very good to us."

The Dwelling Place has been a home to about 3,000 homeless women since opening its door on Oct. 4, 1977 with a mission of "leading women from homeless to home."

Sister Nancy was one of five Franciscan Sisters of Allegany working as nurses at St. Clare's Hospital in Manhattan. From their apartment, they would see homeless women search for food in garbage cans and eventually asked the leaders of their congregation for approval to open a homeless shelter for women.

"When we started, I thought we'd be

here a couple of years and the problem would be settled. Forty years later, the problems are worse," said Sister Nancy, who remembered the shelter housing up to 60 homeless women on cold nights back in the early days.

"Forty years ago, I remember going down to the Department of Homeless Services because they wanted to know what the need was. Forty years ago, the need was affordable housing. Forty years later, the need is still affordable housing. Every mayor, every governor has always promised to do something about it and nothing has been done."

The Dwelling Place, which has included members of 10 religious orders on its staff over the 40 years, is located in the former convent for St. Clemens Mary parish on West 40th Street in Manhattan. The building is owned by the archdiocese, and The Dwelling Place is a Catholic Charities agency.

The Dwelling Place is funded by private donations, some from long-time donors. The staff and board of directors keep busy filling out grant applications in hopes of receiving funding.

"The challenge is to meet the expens-

es of this day," said Sister Joann Sambs, C.S.A., administrator of The Dwelling Place. "We've been blessed, but it's an everyday job to make sure we're able to sustain our ministry here."

The Dwelling Place has 14 beds, with a 10-person staff and 12 volunteers. A homeless woman seeking assistance initially goes through a phone interview. If the phone interview goes well, she is interviewed face-to-face before a decision is made to accept her.

Once accepted, the homeless woman will move into The Dwelling Place where she will be prepared for life after the shelter. Full-time staffers Sister Patricia Ginty, O.P., and Sister Nancy are caseworkers as is Sister Mary Echo Perry, C.D.P., a part-time staff member.

"My experience has been the majority of the women did have jobs with residence before they lost their job," Sister Joann said. "Everything spiraled down after that. They're probably the most vulnerable when they come here because they never expected it to happen to them, so they do not know how to handle being on the street."

On average, a resident will be back on her own in six to 12 months. Depending on her individual situation, she may reside at The Dwelling Place for less than six months or more than 12 months.

The residents are out of shelter from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, either working or receiving the help needed to get back on their feet. Breakfast and dinner are offered at the shelter, and residents may take something for lunch. The curfew is 6 p.m., but is flexible if say a resident works past 6 p.m.

A third of a resident's monthly income is held by The Dwelling Place to return to the resident when she is ready to move back on her own.

"With money management, they've saved enough when they have found a room, they have a month's rent, month's security and a little extra to buy things they want," Sister Nancy said. "So, it's not a big burden when they move out of here to come up with that money. They have it."

A 40th anniversary appeal and an annual Fall Gala Oct. 19 were this year's fund-raisers for The Dwelling Place. On Nov. 12, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manhattan at 2:30 p.m., followed by a reception.

The staff is preparing The Dwelling Place for a challenging future, one where fewer sisters may be available to operate the ministry, and younger committed staffers/volunteers and new avenues of financial support will be needed.

"We'll go on with the grace of God and try to respond to the needs as they arise," Sister Patricia said.

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## WOMEN RELIGIOUS

### Maryknoll Sisters

#### 80 YEARS

**Sister Joan Peltier, M.M.**, was assigned to the Bolivia-Peru Region in 1943 and began her mission life in the jungles of Riberalta, where she served as a catechist and pastoral worker.

**Sister Marie Corinne Rost, M.M.**, served for more than 50 years in the Sisters' Hong Kong mission as a music teacher and school administrator.

**Sister Mary Elizabeth Keyser, M.M.**, spent her mission life in Chile, mostly as a school principal and religious education instructor. She also served as executive secretary of the Instituto de Catequesis Latino Americano in Santiago.

#### 75 YEARS

**Sister Pauline Sticka, M.M.**, began her mission work in mainland China. After being imprisoned by Communists during the Mao era, and expelled, she was missioned to Taiwan, where she served for the next 48 years.

**Sister Mary Powers, M.M.**, worked for 25 years in Maryknoll schools in Hawaii as administrator and as an elementary and high school teacher. In later years, she initiated Project Respect, an interfaith service for the frail elderly.

#### 60 YEARS

**Sister Angela Brennan, M.M.**, joined Maryknoll from Ireland. She was missioned to Hawaii in 1968, where she organized religion programs, directed retreats, helped Bread for the World and served as chairwoman of the nature division of the Hawaii Council of Churches. She now ministers to prison inmates in El Salvador.

**Sister Anne Marie Emdin, M.M.**, assigned to Hong Kong in 1970, served at Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital as a dietitian and in the purchasing department, pastoral ministry unit and in public relations for the outpatient department. Later, she served the elderly as administrator of

Caritas Ying Shui Home. Her most recent mission has been working with the elderly in Macau.

**Sister Susan Gubbins, M.M.**, was sent on mission to Indonesia in 1975. A social worker, she set up a community-based health program and taught in the National School for Social Welfare. Later, she helped open the congregation's mission in East Timor.

**Sister Marcella Hoesl, M.M.**, a missiologist and theologian, has held positions at Selly Oak Colleges in England; at the Theological Institute in Scotland, and at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. In retirement, she reviews books for Missiology, volunteers helping the poor and homeless, and acts as facilitator for Catholic Charities caregivers.

**Sister Elizabeth Kato, M.M.**, has been an English teacher at Maryknoll Girls' School in Yokkaichi, Japan. In Tokyo, she supervises a day center for destitute elderly. She also provides vocational training for homeless teenagers, assists visiting migrants at police stations and detention centers, and engages in religious education for children of migrant workers.

**Sister Rita Keegan, M.M.**, is a counselor/therapist at Four Rivers Free Clinic, in an economically depressed area in Oregon, and for the severely mentally ill at the Oregon State Correctional Facility. She volunteers on the board of the Alcohol Recovery Center and serves as a sponsor in Alcoholics Anonymous.

**Sister Ardis Kremer, M.M.**, assigned to the Central Pacific Region, has served on the Hawaiian islands of Oahu and Molokai and on the Marshall Islands as a religious educator, and a pastoral and health care worker.

**Sister Rachel Kunkler, M.M.**, has lived in Tanzania, East Africa, for 43 years, where she serves as a consultant for women and youth on various subjects. She also works as a counselor for HIV/AIDS patients and prepares young, poor women for education through tutoring and scholarships.

**Sister Peggy Lipsio, M.M.**, while assigned to Chile, did pastoral work, lived among the poor and shared their lives and poverty. Expelled by the Pinochet regime, she went to

the Cambodian refugee camps with Catholic Relief Services. She works as a public health nurse ministering to Hispanic women in North Carolina.

**Sister Rosemary McCormack, M.M.**, was a star on a TV puppet show for children featured in the New York Archdiocese, "Let's Talk About God," in 1962. Assigned to the Bolivia/Peru Region in 1968, she continues to work as a pastoral and social worker in Church and community development.

**Sister Silvia Pacheco, M.M.**, of Yucatan, Mexico, has served in Guatemala for more than 44 years as a pastoral worker. A promoter of Basic Ecclesial Communities, she has trained religious leaders and set up family health care programs. A guitarist, she enlivens liturgies and meetings with music.

**Sister Constance Pospisil, M.M.**, worked as a clinic nurse and in community-based health education programs after her assignment to Chile in 1961. After serving on the Maryknoll Sisters Center Council, she was missioned to Brazil, where she helped establish a holistic health center for marginalized women. Recently, she joined Maryknoll's Contemplative Community in Guatemala.

**Sister Marylou Ann Rajdl, M.M.**, first served as outpatient department supervisor at Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital in Hong Kong. After receiving training in spirituality, she conducted retreats in Vietnamese refugee camps and organized spirituality days for Catholic and ecumenical groups and clown ministry sessions. She continues this work as a spiritual director with Chinese and Burmese residents in Chicago.

**Sister Melinda Roper, M.M.**, served as president of Maryknoll Sisters, 1978-1984. She has spent most of her missionary life working with indigenous peoples in Mexico, Guatemala and recently in the Apostolic Vicariate of Darién, Panama, instructing the faithful to become catechists and teachers.

**Sister Mary Annel, M.M.**, a medical doctor, engaged in public health, maternal and child care, and in training rural paramedics as a clinical professor of rural medicine



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**Sister Barbara Connolly**  
(Sr. Mary Luke)  
**60th Jubilee**



in Guatemala. She works with people with HIV/AIDS in El Salvador, where she founded and administers an AIDS prevention program.

**Sister Marilu Townsend, M.M.**, a medical doctor, worked as an emergency room physician for 18 years in Hawaii. She then served in an emergency room in San Antonio before retiring in that city where she continues her missionary vocation through volunteer work.

**Sister Mary Tracy, M.M.**, spent most of her foreign missionary life serving in Chile, where she first worked in a program of community organization. Following the 1973 military coup, she worked as a practical nurse in several public health clinics and assisted social workers at a refugee center.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Lourdes Fernandez, M.M.**, served in Hawaii as a teacher, in Hong Kong as director of the workers formation program at the Kwun Tong Pastoral Center and in Albania with a Dominican community in Elbasan teaching values education. She is assigned to the congregation's vocations ministry.

**Sister Teresita Perez, M.M.**, served in various ministries in Peru, including secondary school instruction, pastoral and youth work, and hospital chaplaincy, initiating the practice of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in the hospital. She also coordinated the Health Commission of the Conference of Religious. In the Philippines, she served as campus minister at Miriam College and mentored the student liturgy committee.

**Sister Margaret Rose Ibe, M.M.**, was assigned to Indonesia in 1972 and joined the staff of KUPERDA, an organization for the education of village leaders. Later assigned to Peru, she joined the adult education parish team. Appointed head of the Diocesan Human Dignity Commission, she helped assure legal access to low-or no-income people.

## 25 YEARS

**Sister Maria Gladys Gonzalez, M.M.**, was assigned to Tanzania's Murigha Girls School in 1995. She initiated an income-generating art project for students and rural women. Later, responding to the emergency situation in Kenya, she joined Maryknoll's peace-building team. Today, she works at the Maryknoll Sisters' Holistic Healing Center in Brazil.

*School Sisters of St. Francis Milwaukee, Wis.*

## 80 YEARS

**Sister de Lourdes Rechenmacher, O.S.F.**, a native of Naperville, Ill., taught at St. Monica's School, Manhattan, 1944-1956. She resides in Milwaukee.

## 70 YEARS

**Sister Donna Weiss, O.S.F.**, formerly known as Sister Joachim.

*Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement  
Graymoor, Garrison*

## 75 YEARS

**Sister Loretta Guevarra, S.A.**, served primarily in parish ministry and is known as a promoter of Christian unity. She served at St. Cecilia's in East Harlem, 1944-1946. She also served in Utah, Oregon and California before spending 31 years as a missionary to Brazil in Jatai, Rio Verde, Goiania and San Paolo. Returning to the United States in 1994, she spent 21 years in parish ministry in California. Since 2016, she has resided at Graymoor in Garrison.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Theresa Ann Clarizio, S.A.**, has served parish and other ministries in the United States, Canada and Italy. She served for 17 years in Atonement missions in western Canada before returning to the United States to assist

in retreat and hospitality ministry. She was the society's vocation directress in the mid-1990s. She then served the elderly for 12 years in Elizabeth, N.J., before she was appointed administrator of the community's senior health care facility, 2010-2013. She is currently on the Atonement Sisters leadership team and also assists at the retreat house at Graymoor in Garrison.

**Sister Joanne Macaulay, S.A.**, served in parish ministry in British Columbia, where she also taught children. Since 1995, she has served in various ministries in Alberta. She continues to serve at the Franciscan Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. A native of Vancouver, she entered the congregation in 1967, and professed first vows in 1970 and final vows in 1977.

*Sisters of the Divine Compassion*

## 75 YEARS

**Sister Mary Pauline McDermott, R.D.C.**, taught for more than 50 years in elementary school and religious education in several parish schools, including Sacred Heart, Hartsdale; St. Mary, Katonah; and St. Frances de Chantal, the Bronx. She was a mathematics specialist at St. Anthony's School, West Harrison, and Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary School, White Plains. She received her master's degree in education from SUNY New Paltz. After retiring from the classroom, she tutored students in math at Good Counsel in White Plains.

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Charlotte Brennan, R.D.C.**, has served in educational ministries since 1960, teaching at private and parish elementary schools, including the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel and Our Lady of Sorrows, both White Plains, and St. Lawrence O'Toole, Brewster. She served at Good Counsel Academy High School, 1977-2015, as administrative assistant to six principals, supervised the transition to computer-generated scheduling and was a guidance counselor. She has a master's degree in library science, and served as librarian at Good Counsel College, White Plains, and John F. Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers.

**Sister Alice Feeley, R.D.C.**, taught at Sacred Heart School, Hartsdale; Preston High School, the Bronx; and Good Counsel Academy High School, White Plains. She later served as a pastoral counselor in Catholic Charities in Peekskill and White Plains. She served as assistant clinical director at Iona College's Pastoral Counseling Department, 1979-1984, and director of the CLOUT Program at Pace University, 1992-2000. Sister Alice has served the Sisters of the Divine Compassion in the following leadership positions: general counselor, 1976-1984; and president, 1984-1992 and 2000-2008, and is now a general counselor. She was chaplain at Cabrini of Westchester Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry, 2008-2016. Since 2000, she has served as a spiritual director.

**Sister Maureen McMahon, R.D.C.**, formerly Sister Mary Kathleen, taught at the following schools: St. Lawrence O'Toole, Brewster; Sacred Heart, Hartsdale; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Elmsford; St. Frances de Chantal, the Bronx; and St. Mary, Katonah, where she was a teacher and principal. Certified in spiritual direction from Fordham University, she has served in parish, retreat and spiritual direction ministries. A highlight was the founding of the RDC Center of Compassion in Dover Plains, which provides a food pantry, thrift shop, backpack program for children and welcome table. She is now retired.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Mary Alice O'Brien, R.D.C.**, formerly Sister Rita Maureen, served at the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, White Plains, 1967-2015, as an English and communications teacher, dean of students, librarian and moderator of extracurricular activities. She holds a master's degree from Indiana University in instructional systems technology, and a master's in library science from St. John's University.

## 65 YEARS

**Sister Mary Christine McGee, R.D.C.**  
**Sister Joan O'Sullivan, R.D.C.**

*Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(Cabrini Sisters)*

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Celia Cid, M.S.C.**, has served as director of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program at St. Elizabeth's parish, Manhattan. She was RCIA director and pastoral assistant and worked in adult faith formation at St. Joseph parish in Spring Valley. Born in Allariz-Orense, Spain, she holds a master's degree in pastoral studies from Catholic Theological Union. She was central supplies supervisor at Hôpital Santa Cabrini, Montreal, and a staff nurse at Columbus-Cabrini-Cuneo Medical Center, Chicago.

**Sister John Giani, M.S.C.**, a registered nurse, has served as a nurse at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry; Haven Plaza Clinic, Manhattan; and Cuneo Hospital, Chicago. She served in Swaziland for 14 years, caring for adults and children with HIV/AIDS, and ministered in health care in Ethiopia for 12 years. Born in Caxias Do Sul, Brazil, she is retired at Sacred Heart Convent, Manhattan, and volunteers at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, Manhattan.

**Sister Ruth Tavares, M.S.C.**, earned a certificate as a licensed practical nurse, serving at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry; Senior Sisters' Residence, Philadelphia; and Columbus Hospital Infirmary, Chicago. A talented seamstress, she was sacristan at the National Shrine of St. Frances Cabrini, Chicago. Born in Minas Gerais, Brazil, she is retired at St. Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, where she uses her talents in arts and crafts.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Amada Liboro, M.S.C.**, is a volunteer at Cabrini Immigrant Services, Manhattan. She was a staff nurse at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry; Hôpital Santa Cabrini, Montreal; and St. Cabrini Residence, Philadelphia. At Cabrini Medical Center in Manhattan, she was a staff nurse and manager of quality assurance. After serving as an administrator of Save Our Street Children in the Philippines, she volunteered in Manhattan at Cabrini Care at Home, St. Frances Cabrini Shrine and Senior Sisters' Residence. Born in Mindoro, Philippines, she holds a master's degree in public administration from Long Island University, Brooklyn.

**Sister Regina Peterson, M.S.C.**, a native of Queens, is serving in Ethiopia, where she is assistant to the secretary general of the bishops' conference and lectures at Ethiopian Catholic University. She served as a social worker at St. Cabrini Home, West Park; Cabrini Medical Center, Manhattan; and St. Cabrini Hospital, Seattle. In New Orleans she taught art at Cabrini High School and was a co-founder of St. Mary's Community Center and after Hurricane Katrina, she served in the Rebuild Center for the Homeless at St. Joseph's.

## 70 YEARS

**Sister Joan Marie Sariti, M.S.C.**

## 65 YEARS

**Sister Claudia De Marco, M.S.C.**

*Sisters of St. John the Baptist*

## 80 YEARS

**Sister Helen Guerrieri, C.S.J.B.**, taught at St. John Villa Academy High School, Staten Island, 1971-2011 and 1938-1944. She served as chairwoman of the Spanish department at St. John Villa. She served for 22 years in Santiago, Chile, where she taught English and religion and served in high school and elementary school administration and was director of boarders. Born and raised in Manhattan, she retired to Mount St. John Convent, Purchase, in 2011.

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Loretta Marie Florio, C.S.JB.**, served as superior of Providence Rest Convent, the Bronx, 2014-2017. She was a parish assistant at St. Vito's, Mamaroneck, 1998-2001, and director of religious education at St. Roch, Staten Island, 2001-2006. She was provincial superior, 1981-1987; formation director, 1987-1998 and 1980; and provincial counselor, 1972-1978. The Bronx native also was a principal and teacher in New Jersey. She is returning to St. Fortunata, Brooklyn, where she served, 2006-2012, to continue her work in the parish.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Anita Marie Gramer, C.S.JB.**, has been the president of St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, since 2006. She served as principal of the elementary school, 1986-1994, and dean of students, 1980-1982. She taught at St. James School, Manhattan, and served simultaneously as superior of St. James Convent, 1994-1996. A native of Newark, N.J., she was director of Christian formation at a parish in Stirling, N.J., 1998-2006.

### *Sisters of Charity of New York*

## 80 YEARS

**Sister Margaret Mary Hannon, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Marie Daniel, taught on the elementary and high school levels and volunteered at Regis High School, Manhattan, for more than a decade. As a history teacher, she taught at Cathedral High School, Manhattan, and at the All Saints campus, Harlem. She also taught in Brooklyn. She was secretary at St. Ignatius Loyola School, Manhattan, for six years.

**Sister Catherine Smith, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Miriam Magdalen, taught in Brooklyn before becoming principal of Blessed Sacrament, Manhattan. She was director of the Grace Institute, director of retirement for the Sisters of Charity, assistant administrator of Mary the Queen Convent, Yonkers, and director of college services at Elizabeth Seton College, Yonkers. She served as a volunteer at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Yonkers, for more than 20 years.

## 75 YEARS

**Sister Mary Aquin Flaherty, S.C.**, taught for six decades on the elementary and high school levels. She spent more than 30 years at St. Bernard School, Manhattan, the last several as religious education coordinator. She taught at St. Joseph School, Yonkers; Ascension School, Manhattan; St. Brigid School, Manhattan; Cathedral High School, Manhattan; and Bishop McDonnell School, Brooklyn.

**Sister Marie Paula Holdman, S.C.**, taught at Cathedral High School, Manhattan, and the Academy of Mount St. Vincent, Tuxedo Park, before joining the faculty at the College of Mount St. Vincent in 1953. She taught in both the English and German departments at Mount St. Vincent, and served as chair of the German department. Sister Paula, who still works with the college archives, served as the college historian for several years.

## 70 YEARS

**Sister Georgette Dircks, S.C.**

**Sister Thérèse Marie Donnelly, S.C.**

**Sister Theresa Gravino, S.C.**

**Sister Jane Maria Hoehn, S.C.**

**Sister Anna Marian Lascell, S.C.**

**Sister Muriel T. Long, S.C.**

**Sister Marie T. Murphy, S.C.**

**Sister Theresa Mary O'Connor, S.C.**

**Sister Clare Regan, S.C.**

**Sister Helen Scoltock, S.C.**

## 65 YEARS

**Sister Joan Anderson, S.C.**

**Sister Wilda Asfour, S.C.**

**Sister Edith M. Belmonte, S.C.**

**Sister Philip Dolores Cacciatore, S.C.**

**Sister Theresa Courtney, S.C.**

**Sister Teresa Dermody, S.C.**

**Sister Elizabeth Carmela Englehardt, S.C.**

**Sister Geraldine Hanley, S.C.**

**Sister Elizabeth Judge, S.C.**

**Sister Margaret C. Kelly, S.C.**

**Sister Patricia Ann O'Brien, S.C.**

**Sister Charlotte Raftery, S.C.**

**Sister Margaret M. Smith, S.C.**

**Sister Miriam Jude Trank, S.C.**

**Sister Ann Marie Walsh, S.C.**

**Sister Monica Wood, S.C.**

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Janet Baxendale, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Francis Rosaire, has been a consultant for the Liturgical Consultation and Education Service since 2001. She began her ministry as a teacher at St. Gregory the Great School, Harrison, and taught at Cardinal Spellman High School, the Bronx, for more than a decade. An adjunct professor at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, she served as the executive secretary of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission for 25 years.

**Sister Lorraine Cooper, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Jean Dolores, began as an elementary teacher in 1960 at St. Augustine School, the Bronx. She also taught at St. Joseph, Yonkers, and Cardinal Spellman High School, the Bronx. She was religious education coordinator at St. Simon Stock, the Bronx, and at St. Emeric, St. Thomas the Apostle and Our Lady of Lourdes, all in Manhattan. She served as chaplain at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center, Manhattan, for nearly a decade and later volunteered in various ministries. She also served in the Bahamas.

**Sister Margaret Assumpta Donegan, S.C.**, conducts research at the archives of the Sisters of Charity of New York and teaches English as a second language conversation. She taught English and religion throughout her career, spending 30 years at St. Raymond Academy for Girls, the Bronx. She also taught at Holy Cross Academy, Manhattan; Resurrection Academy, Rye; Cathedral High School, Manhattan; and St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School, Staten Island.

**Sister Sheila Mary Finucane, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Marie Kathleen, served as a teacher at Most Holy Trinity School, Mamaroneck, and St. Peter, Yonkers. She also taught in the Bahamas and Brooklyn. She was a caseworker at St. Agatha's Home, Nanuet, 1969; served for more than 20 years at the New York Foundling Hospital, holding a variety of positions, including supervisor of the maternity shelter; and coordinated supportive services for SC Housing, Staten Island.

**Sister Jane Iannucelli, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Jane Dolores, is president of the Sisters of Charity of New York. She served the congregation as director of novices and the formation team, and as a regional coordinator. She taught at St. Barnabas, the Bronx; St. Joseph by the Sea High School, Staten Island; and Resurrection Academy, Rye. She served as dean of students at Cardinal Spellman High School, the Bronx, and Our Lady of Victory, Dobbs Ferry. Sister Jane is co-founder of P.O.T.S. (Part of the Solution) in the Bronx.

**Sister Rose Frederick Jones, S.C.**, taught French at Cardinal Spellman High School and the College of Mount St. Vincent, both in the Bronx, and at Cathedral High School, Manhattan. After several years in the guidance clinic at the New York Foundling Hospital, she served for more than 30 years as a social worker at the mental health clinic of St. Joseph's Medical Center, Yonkers.

**Sister Evyleen Teresa Larkin, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Rose Eugene, was a first-grade teacher at Sacred Heart School, Staten Island, for almost 20 years. She taught at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarsdale, and Visitation, the Bronx. She served for nearly 20 years at St.

Patrick's Villa, Nanuet, and in the finance office at Mount St. Vincent Convent, the Bronx, for several years.

**Sister Veronica Liegey, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Maria Veronica, taught at St. Gabriel High School and Holy Name, New Rochelle, and at St. Francis Xavier and Immaculate Conception, Manhattan. She then served for more than 25 years at Cardinal Spellman High School, the Bronx. In 1996, she changed careers to minister to senior citizens at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, the Bronx.

**Sister Theresa D. Luciano, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Richard Mary, served as a group mother and teacher at St. Agatha's Home, Nanuet. She taught computer science at St. Mary's School, Yonkers, for more than 25 years. She also taught at Holy Trinity, Manhattan; St. John the Evangelist, White Plains; Christ the King, Yonkers; Holy Name, New Rochelle; Blessed Sacrament, the Bronx; and Sacred Heart, Dobbs Ferry.

**Sister Mary E. Mc Cormick, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Thomas de Lourdes, serves as novice and vocation/candidate director for the congregation and offers retreats and spiritual direction. She taught throughout the archdiocese and in the Bahamas until the late 1980s. Schools in the archdiocese included St. Athanasius and SS. Peter and Paul, both in the Bronx; St. Joseph by-the-Sea, Staten Island; and St. Gabriel High School, New Rochelle. In 1989, she became vocation director for the Sisters of Charity, and she has held numerous administrative positions for the order, including regional coordinator, 1990-1999.

**Sister Mary Kieran Mulligan, S.C.**, taught the first and third grades at St. Mary School, Wappingers Falls, for 30 years. She also taught at St. Joseph School and St. Anthony School, both in Yonkers. She volunteered for several years at Mary the Queen Convent, Yonkers.

**Sister Josephine Maria Rog, S.C.**, began as a teacher at Sacred Heart School, Manhattan, and later taught at St. Anthony's School, Nanuet. She served at St. Agatha's Home, Nanuet, in several capacities, including child-care worker and office worker. She served as director of housekeeping/purchasing at Mary the Queen Convent, Yonkers, and later volunteered there.

**Sister Patricia Walsh, S.C.**, formerly known as Sister Agnes Marita, taught at St. Joseph and St. Paul schools, both Manhattan; St. Gabriel High School, New Rochelle; and St. Mary Star of the Sea, Brooklyn. She served as secretary general for the Sisters of Charity for seven years; coordinator of computer implementation at St. Vincent Hospital, Harrison; business manager for Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Manhattan; and administrative assistant for the Leviticus Fund.

**Sister Maria Genevieve Wetmore, S.C.**, volunteers with Project LIGHT, the congregation's English as a second language program. She taught at St. Margaret of Cortona School, the Bronx; Incarnation School, St. Joseph Academy, St. Bernard School, St. Brigid, St. Ignatius Loyola, Our Lady Queen of Angels, all in Manhattan; and Sacred Heart, Staten Island. She served as librarian at Holy Name of Jesus and Blessed Sacrament schools, both Manhattan, and educational mentor and librarian at Fordham University, the Bronx. She was assistant principal at Our Lady of the Angelus, Queens.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Karen Helfenstein, S.C.**, is the director of sponsorship services for the Sisters of Charity of New York. She started as a nurse at St. Vincent Hospital, Staten Island. Working in hospitals as both a nurse and administrator, she was at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Yonkers; the New York Foundling Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan; St. Vincent's Hospital, Harrison; St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn, and Catholic Health East, Newtown Square, Pa.

### *Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm*

## 60 YEARS

**Sister M. Carmel Cecilia O'Connor, O. Carm.**, has served since 2012 at Mary Manning Walsh Home, Manhattan. A

native of Ireland, she serves as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, spending time with the sick and dying residents as a loving and compassionate presence.

**Sister M. Bernadette Therese DeLourdes Riley, O. Carm.**, has served since 2003 at St. Patrick's Home, the Bronx. Born in Manhattan and trained as a registered nurse and licensed nursing home administrator, she serves as prioress, mission effectiveness coordinator, privacy officer and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

#### *Sisters of St. Agnes*

#### **75 YEARS**

**Sister Rachel Doerfler, C.S.A.**, a native of Hays, Kan., taught at Sacred Heart Elementary School, Yonkers, 1951-1956. She also served in formation and congregational leadership, and in parish ministry in Phoenix.

#### **60 YEARS**

**Sister Ann McKean, C.S.A.**, of Decatur, Ind., received a master's degree from Fordham University. In the archdiocese, she taught at Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem, and Holy Family, the Bronx. She also taught at the University of Texas; Sacred Heart Seminary, Hales Corners, Wis.; and Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tenn.

**Sister Mary Ann Bogosoff, C.S.A.**, of Battle Creek, Mich., taught at Holy Family School, the Bronx, 1958-1965, and was principal of Our Lady Queen of Angels, East Harlem 1970-1976. She has served with Catholic Community Services in the Diocese of Tucson, Ariz., since 1977.

**Sister Rose Andre Miller, C.S.A.**, was an elementary school teacher for many years. In the archdiocese, she served at Sacred Heart School, Yonkers, 1958-1963, and Holy Family, the Bronx, 1979-1982. She also served in her home parish, in Decatur, Ind.

**Sister Stella Marie Karls, C.S.A.**, taught in the archdio-

cese at Holy Family, the Bronx, 1969-1970. She also taught in Illinois and Wisconsin. She served for many years in ministry to the sick and elderly.

**Sister Vivian Kleinsorge, C.S.A.**, of Colby, Kan., served her religious sisters as a homemaker at Our Lady Queen of Angels, East Harlem, 1960-1967, and Sacred Heart, Yonkers, 1974-1982. She later worked in adult day care and in assisted living.

**Sister Wilhelmina Schoch, C.S.A.**, taught in five states. She served in the archdiocese at Holy Family, the Bronx, 1968-1974. Until recently, she served at Sojourner Truth House, a day center for homeless and at-risk women and their children, in Gary, Ind.

#### **50 YEARS**

**Sister Jean Steffes, C.S.A.**, has served as general superior of the Sisters of St. Agnes since 2013, and also 1985-1993. She resided at Holy Family Convent, the Bronx, when she served as eastern regional coordinator of the Sisters of St. Agnes, 1982-1985. She also served as a high school English teacher, novice director and chancellor for the Diocese of Phoenix.

**Sister Joleen Retzer, C.S.A.**, served as a teacher for her entire religious life. In the archdiocese, she served at Sacred Heart Elementary School, Yonkers, 1974-1977. Moving to Gallup, N.M., in 1984, she has served at Tsehootsooi Middle School, Fort Defiance, Ariz., 1988-present, as a teacher and librarian.

**Sister Judith Vander Grinten, C.S.A.**, taught in the archdiocese at Holy Family, the Bronx, 1973-1977. She also worked in Catholic Social Services, St. Paul, Minn., and Catholic Charities, Mobile, Ala., and was local coordinator at CSA Retirement Center, Fond du Lac, Wis. She also served in S.E.T. Ministries, Milwaukee.

**Sister Kathleen Schweihs, C.S.A.**, served as a teacher,

and then was director of admissions, director of financial aid and registrar at Marian University, Fond du Lac, Wis., 1975-1989, and bookkeeper at the Leo House, Manhattan, 1989-1992. She serves on the central office staff of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

**Sister Marilyn Bever, C.S.A.**, taught at Sacred Heart School, Yonkers, 1974-1980. She served in religious formation, was a director of religious education and did adult faith formation in Arizona and Colorado. She now does border ministry with immigrants in Bisbee, Ariz.

**Sister Mary Menke, C.S.A.**, has served as an educator throughout her religious life. In the archdiocese, she taught at Sacred Heart, Yonkers, 1976-1979, and Our Lady Queen of Angels, East Harlem, 1985-1995. She also taught in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. She volunteers as a tutor for adults in Milwaukee.

**Sister Patricia Hayes, C.S.A.**, has served on the staff of LSA Family Health Service in East Harlem since 2006. She also served as a staff nurse at two hospitals in Wisconsin and as a missionary in Nicaragua. She was novice director, mission effectiveness director for Sisters of St. Agnes-sponsored ministries and general counselor for eight years.

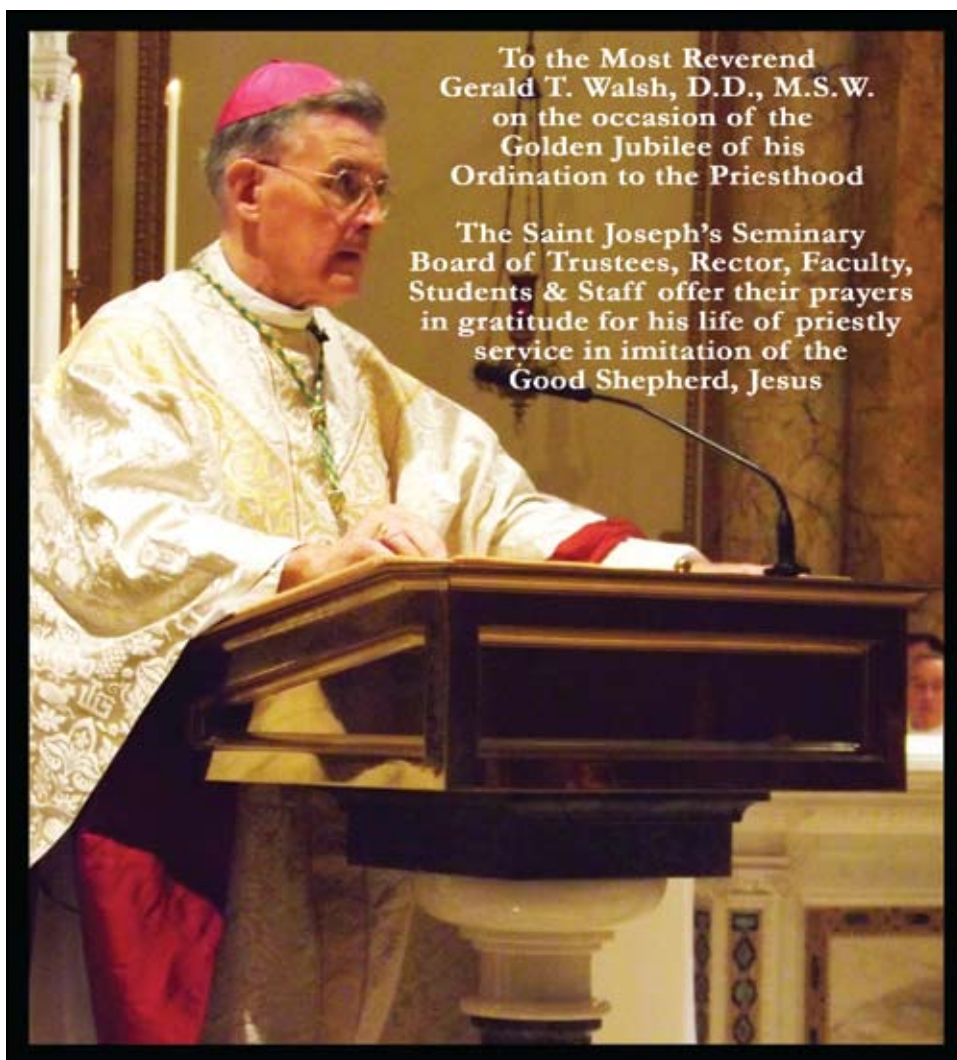
**Sister Susan Kolb, C.S.A.**, taught in the archdiocese at Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem, 1971-1975, and Sacred Heart High School, Yonkers, 1975-1977. She assisted immigrants since 1983, first as a paralegal and attorney at Southern Arizona Legal Aid Inc., and since 2013 at We Are One Family, Bisbee, Ariz., which she founded and serves as an attorney.

#### **70 YEARS**

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**Sister Mary Theresa Bowman, C.D.P.**, is the director of spiritual and social activities at Jeanne d'Arc Residence, a home for single women in Manhattan. She served as a missionary in Ghana, West Africa, for 10 years. As provincial superior from 1984 to 1994, she initiated the opening of a school for girls in Kwasibuokrom, Ghana. She earlier was involved in the formation of young sisters, taught elementary school and was involved in parish ministry in Kentucky.

**Sister Marlene Rust, C.D.P.**, was administrator and finance director of Jeanne d'Arc Residence, Manhattan, 2004-2010, after 25 years of pastoral work in rural West Virginia. She taught in elementary schools in Kentucky, Maryland and West Virginia. She lives in a senior apartment complex in Newport, Ky., and is a member of its advisory council. She sorts historical documents in the provincial archives.

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**Sister Dorothy Ann Dzuissin, C.D.P.**, moved to Jeanne d'Arc Residence, Manhattan, in 1991, after many years of service as a teacher and in the business office at a convent and hospital in Martin, Ky. She served for many years at the convent as the typist for programs for prayer services, funeral Masses and other special events. She now lives and works as a receptionist at the Holy Family Home in Melbourne, Ky.

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**Sister Edith Austing, C.D.P.**

*Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.*

**60 YEARS**

**Sister Janet Gilligan, S.P.**, formerly Sister Janet Marie, served in publishing in New York City, as managing editor at Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1982-1984, and as a freelance editor, 1984-1985. She has also served in Indiana, Illinois, Oklahoma, Nebraska and France. She is an archives assistant and grant writer at St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

*Dominican Sisters of Hope, Ossining*

**60 YEARS**

**Sister Leona DeBoer, O.P.**, taught nursing at Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, 1964-1967 and 1969-2014, and was a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, 1965-1966. Originally a Dominican Sister of Newburgh, she earned a doctorate in nursing from New York University.

**Sister Madeleine Tacy, O.P.**, taught elementary education, was a core member and treasurer at Still Point House of Prayer in Round Lake, and was campus minister at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. She also served as a counselor and supervisor at counseling centers in Massachusetts. Originally a Dominican Sister of Fall River, she received her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Andover Newton Theological School.

**Sister Juanita Morales, O.P.**, gives introductory workshops on contemplative prayer in Orange County. She taught at St. Mary's School, Newburgh, and in New Jersey and Puerto Rico. Originally a Dominican Sister of Newburgh, she's worked in the Newburgh Ministry, done service coordination for children with developmental disabilities and served in Spanish apostolates. She also was a librarian, pastoral minister and family counselor. She is a native of San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico.

**Sister Philomena McCartney, O.P.**, was an elementary school teacher and principal, serving in both roles at SS. John and Paul School, Larchmont. Originally a Dominican Sister of Newburgh, she was a nominee for the 1989 NCEA Distinguished Principal Award and won the 1988 National School of Excellence Principal Recognition Award. In 1995, she was elected to the leadership team when the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh formed a new congregation with the Dominican Sisters of Fall River and the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor. She also served in New Jersey.

**50 YEARS**

**Sister Judy Brunell, O.P.**, has been serving her second five-year term on the congregation's leadership team since 2014. In 1992, she became a member of the Growing Into Vision team in charge of promoting emotional support for members of the three congregations in the process of becoming Dominican Sisters of Hope in 1995. Originally a Dominican Sister of Fall River, she was a teacher, formation director and potter. She also opened the Caterinian Center for adult spirituality in North Dartmouth, Mass.

**70 YEARS**

**Sister Margaret James Curtin, O.P.**

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**Sister Eleanor Piat, O.P.**

**Sister Louise Place, O.P.**

*Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wis.*

**75 YEARS**

**Sister Leopold Kaufmann, O.P.**, was a teacher and a finance officer and secretary. In the archdiocese, she taught at Our Lady of Mercy, the Bronx, 1957-65. She also taught in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota. She lives in St. Dominic Villa in Hazel Green, Wis.

*Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne*

**25 YEARS**

**Sister Teresa Marie Barnaby, O.P.**, a native of Harrisburg, Pa., serves at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, where she was assigned previously. She also served as novice mistress for six years and as local superior for the home in St. Paul, Minn., and in Kisumu, Kenya. She also served at St. Rose's Home on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

**Sister Rosemary Tolosky, O.P.**, a native of Plattsburgh, serves at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, where she also served previously. She is a registered nurse, who received her nursing degree from Beth Israel in Manhattan. She also served at St. Rose's Home on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

*Dominican Sisters of Sparkill*

**75 YEARS**

**Sister Loretta Butler, O.P.**, taught in the archdiocese at Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1959-1968; Cathedral High School, Manhattan, 1968-1969 and 1955-1958; and Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1970-1971; and in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She worked at colleges throughout the United States, and served in the archdiocese at St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, 1974-1975; Fordham University, the Bronx, 1975-1979; and Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, 1986-1996. She also was an educator in Pakistan, 1996-1998 and 1985-1986, and has done much research in education. She resides in Dominican Convent, Sparkill.

**Sister Catherine Florence O'Connor, O.P.**, taught at St. Ann, the Bronx, 1946-1947; St. Gregory Barbarigo, Garnerville, 1963-1969; Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1952-1955; Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1958-1963; and St. Helena High School, the Bronx, 1969-1970. She was a principal in Easton, Md., and Brooklyn, and served at schools in St. Louis. She was a librarian and substitute teacher at Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1987-2005, when she retired to Dominican Convent in Sparkill.

**60 YEARS**

**Sister Lesley Block, O.P.**, is a residence counselor at Loeb House in Rockland County. She has worked at nonprofit agencies in the archdiocese and the Diocese of Rockville Centre since 1979. She served on the congregation's executive team, 1984-1992. She has also served as a campus minister and instructor at Rockland Community College, 1978-1983, and Ladycliff College, 1977-1978. She has taught in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and at St. Agnes School, Sparkill, 1973-1977 and 1959-1960, and St. Brendan, the Bronx, 1960-1961.

**Sister Theresa Docherty, O.P.**, who is retired, lives in Montrose. She was a staff member in the Office of Financial Services in Sparkill, 2007-2013. She was assistant principal of Assumption School, Peekskill, 1987-2007. She was principal of St. James the Apostle, Carmel, 1969-1986. She taught at Transfiguration, Tarrytown; St. Rita's and St. Helena's, both in the Bronx; and Cardinal McCloskey School, White Plains.

**Sister Margaret Mary O'Doherty, O.P.**, has been a pastoral assistant at St. Mary's parish on the Rocky Boy Reservation, Mont., since 1983. She taught at Aquinas High School, the Bronx, 1974-1983, St. Martin of Tours, 1968-1969, St. Helena's, 1961-1962, all in the Bronx; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown, 1962-1968; St. Rose of Lima, Manhattan, 1960-1961; and in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

**Sister Eileen Michele Looney, O.P.**, is a volunteer at a head injury center in Easton, Md., where worked as a life

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# 'An Extraordinary Gift for Which I Am Always Grateful'

By **SISTER KAREN A. HELFENSTEIN, S.C.**

**F**inding words to adequately convey the meaning of religious life is a challenging thing to do. Living a vowed life in community has been a life-giving opportunity to share my faith with women who have the same concerns for the neediest among us. It is a constant call to see what needs to be done and to take action to alleviate suffering in every way possible.

It sustains my faith and hope and gives me strength. I find that I can do together with my sisters and associates what no one of us could do alone.

Fifty years ago, one of the first outings I recall as a postulant was a bus trip to St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of New York arriving in the city. It was a grand event with hundreds of sisters, many bishops and students, and colleagues. We filled the Cathedral. I thought to myself, "My 50th anniversary will be in the year when we celebrate 200 years!" And here we are!

Reflecting on my life, I am grateful for parents who treasured their children and who set a great example of living faith as they kept vigil over the growth of their four daughters and four sons. They were wise, calm, smart and hardworking. We didn't have a lot, but we had all we needed. In some ways, I feel we grew up like princes and princesses. We were in a stable home, and we had each other.

The lessons, wisdom and courage that I have learned from people I've met in my work are priceless. I learned from nursing that life looks very different "from a horizontal position." I've learned that



Sister Karen Helfenstein, S.C.

children recover quickly, but they and their parents are frightened through the time of illness and injury.

I've learned that people who lose their homes due to hurricanes and other disasters are disoriented, numb and somewhat paralyzed about what to do next to improve things.

Those who come to our land to share our freedom do so at a great price, leaving behind all that is familiar, from food and family to language and traditions.

I've known the compassion of nurses, doctors and health workers who put their patients' best interests ahead of all else.

And every day in my role as director of sponsorship services for the Sisters of Charity of New York, I know the generosity and goodness of business leaders, legal experts and donors who contribute endless hours of their time, talent and treasure to assist with transforming major and smaller ministries to lay leadership as we plan for a future navigating uncharted waters.

To join my work with the legacy of the Sisters of Charity of New York for 200 years has been an extraordinary gift for which I am always grateful.


Growing in wisdom and corresponding grace I have come to realize that none of us has all the answers and together we can do more than any one of us can do alone.

The gift of a vocation to live a vowed life in community is one that I couldn't resist and finally gratefully accepted. Once I took the step and entered, I enjoyed my life, my work and my community. God has given me the best: loving and stable family life as a child that has only grown more precious over time; generous and kind mentors and teachers, meaningful work and scores of friends and sisters whose faith and support and example continue to bless me!

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skills tutor/supervisor, 1992-2010. She did clerical and secretarial work at Manhattanville College, Purchase. She did child care work at St. Ignatius Day Nursery, Manhattan, 1966-1968, and Cardinal McCloskey Home and School, White Plains, 1968-1980 and 1959-1966.

**Sister Catherine Valentine, O.P.**, serves as an administrative assistant at Holy Rosary and Nativity of Our Lady parish in the Bronx. She has worked as a staff member at Sunrise of Stamford, Conn., and Dowling Gardens, Sparkill. She was a child care worker at Cardinal McCloskey School, White Plains, 1965-1995 and 1959-1962; St. Ignatius Day Nursery, Manhattan, 1962-1963, and in Wilmington, Del.

**Sister Amelia DeMarco, O.P.**, who is retired, served at St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, 1999-2015, as an associate director, and as a mentor, of Pathways. She has worked in the field of psychology in the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre dioceses, and taught at schools there. She also

taught at Cathedral High School, Manhattan, and St. Anthony's School, Nanuet, and was a guidance counselor at Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx. She was a group mother at St. Agnes Home, Sparkill.

**Sister Margaret Gannon, O.P.**, is a volunteer pastoral minister at Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx. She taught at Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx, 2011-2012; taught religious education at St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx, 1999-2011; and was a pastoral assistant at St. Martin of Tours, the Bronx, 1990-1999. She also taught at New Hope Manor, Garrison; Our Lady of Victory High School, Dobbs Ferry; Cathedral High School, Manhattan; St. Joseph School, the Bronx; St. James the Apostle, Carmel; and St. Martin of Tours, the Bronx. She had been a child care worker at St. Agnes Home, Sparkill.

**Sister Genevieve Marie Dorian, O.P.**, who has taught for more than 50 years, is a substitute teacher at St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx. She has taught in the archdiocese at Visitation School, the Bronx, 1985-2010; Sacred Heart, 1984-1985 and 1961-1964; St. Catherine of Siena, Manhattan, 1974-1981; Cardinal McCloskey School, White Plains, 1969-1974; and St. Helena, the Bronx, 1959-1961. She also taught in Easton, Md., Fulton and the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

**Sister Patricia Mary Walsh, O.P.**, is the director of Emmaus House, Ocean Grove, N.J. She was assistant director of Alina Lodge, 1976-1983. She was a teacher in the archdiocese at St. Helena's, the Bronx, 1972-1976 and 1961-1962, and St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1959-1961. She also taught in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

**Sister Eileen Monnelly, O.P.**, was a guidance counselor at Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx, from 1981 until her retirement in 2011. She was principal at St. Vito's School, Mamaroneck, 1980-1981, and was a guidance counselor at St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx, 1970-1980. She also taught at St. Rose of Lima, Manhattan; St. Catherine La-

bour, Lake Katrine; and St. Brendan, the Bronx.

**Sister Jude Miriam De Palma, O.P.**, has been working since 1982 at Thorpe Senior Center, Sparkill, as program coordinator and now community service coordinator. She has taught in the archdiocese at St. Augustine, New City, 1961-1967, and St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx, 1959-1961. She also taught in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

**Sister Muriel Cooney, O.P.**, is a pastoral associate at St. Augustine parish, Larchmont. She served on the congregation's executive team, 2000-2010 and 1972-1980. She was a pastoral minister at Holy Innocents, Pleasantville, 1989-2000, and also held that position on the Flathead Reservation, Mont. She was a teacher at Sacred Heart, Suffern; St. Theresa's, the Bronx; and in Monroe City, Mo.

**Sister Pauline Blandina, O.P.**, resides at Dominican Convent, Sparkill. She has served as a spiritual director and in pastoral care in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and also taught there. She served as a teacher in the Archdiocese of New York at St. Pius X, Scarsdale; St. Rita, the Bronx; and Cardinal McCloskey School, White Plains. She also taught in Hicksville.

**Sister Maureen Conway, O.P.**, works at One-to-One Learning in Nyack. She had been a staff member at New Hope Manor, Barryville, 1976-2016, serving as director of education for 35 years. She taught at Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1962-1976, and St. Martin of Tours, the Bronx, 1961-1962. She was a group mother at St. Agnes Home, Sparkill, 1960-1961.

**Sister Jeanne Deas, O.P.**, is a staff member in the Office of Financial Services in Sparkill. She served at a parish in Hicksville as an outreach coordinator/parish social minister, 2008-2010, pastoral minister, 1991-2008, and teacher, 1968-1991. She was a teacher at St. Ann, the Bronx; St. Vito's, Mamaroneck; and St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx. She was a group mother at St. Agnes Home, Sparkill.

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**Sister Virginia Chiambalero, O.P.**, is a volunteer driver at Dominican Convent, Sparkill. She was an adjunct professor at Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, 2003-2011; worked as an assistant principal, 1999-2003, and principal, 1990-1995, at St. Nicholas of Tolentine School, the Bronx; and was principal of St. Catherine of Siena, Manhattan. She served as an assistant superintendent of schools in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Denver. She was a teacher at St. Helena Commercial High School and St. Helena School, both the Bronx; St. Catherine of Siena School, Manhattan; St. John Chrysostom, the Bronx; St. James the Apostle, Carmel; St. Rita, the Bronx; and St. Anthony, the Bronx.

**Sister Eileen Gannon, O.P.**, serves as a member of the congregation's executive team in Sparkill and also served in the same capacity, 1988-1996. She has worked at the United Nations as an NGO representative for the Dominican Leadership Conference, 1998-2009; director of the U.N. Catholic Center, 2009-2010, and program director of Global Education Associates, 1996-2002. She has taught at Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx; St. Catherine of Siena School, Manhattan; St. Catherine Laboure, Lake Katrine; and St. Agnes School, Sparkill. She also taught at Archbishop Molloy High School in Queens. She was a group mother at St. Agnes Home, Sparkill.

**Sister Margaret Stadelman, O.P.**, who resides in Central Islip, was resident manager of Seton Residence, Amityville, 1987-2007. She was a teacher at St. Helena School, the Bronx, 1972-1981; St. Ann, the Bronx, 1967-1971; St. Pius X, Scarsdale, 1964-1967; St. Anthony's, Nanuet, 1963-1964; and St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1962-1963. She also taught at Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Kathleen Donnelly, O.P.**, is a member of the executive committee of the Dominican Sisters Conference. She was a principal in Chicago, 1998-2015, and in St. Louis, 1988-1998. She has taught at schools in St. Louis, and was coordinator for the collection for retired religious.

**Sister Irene Ellis, O.P.**, serves as a member of the congregation's executive team in Sparkill. She was the Infant/Toddler/Parent Program Director for Dominican Sisters Health Services, 1994-2010, and was education service coordinator, 1986-1994. She was a teacher at Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx; Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Middletown; and St. Paul, Valley Cottage.

**Sister Monica Lewis, O.P.**, is principal of Dominican Primary School in Multan, Pakistan. She has been novice director and regional representative for the Sparkill Dominicans sisters serving in Pakistan, and a principal and teacher in elementary and high schools in Bahawalpur and Multan, Pakistan. She also was a pastoral minister for the board of education in Multan.

**Sister Catherine Patrice Morgan, O.P.**, serves as a director of religious education at a parish in Princeton Junction, N.J. She served on the congregation's executive team, 2000-2004. She worked in campus ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas College, 1989-2000, and in video production at Hallel Community Center, both in Sparkill. She was a teacher at St. Paul School, Valley Cottage, 1979-1985; St. Gregory Barbarigo, Garnerville, 1973-1976 and 1969-1970; and in Brooklyn.

**Sister Janet Vietor, O.P.**, has served as a teacher in St. Louis. She was a teacher at St. Augustine School, New City, 1970-1974.

**Sister Nancy Richter, O.P.**, has served as a campus minister at Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, since 2011. She was on the congregation's executive team, 1996-2004, and worked as a field representative for Catholic Church Extension Society, 2005-2009. She was a teacher at Iona Grammar School, New Rochelle, 1988-1996, and Sacred Heart, Suffern, 1970-1988.

## 70 YEARS

**Sister Patricia Connolly, O.P.**  
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**Sister Mary Elizabeth Dunne, O.P.**  
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### *Franciscan Sisters of Peace*

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Elaine Maguire, F.S.P.**, served as a teacher and administrator in elementary schools in New York and New Jersey early in her religious life. She later was a pastoral associate in parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark. She served her religious congregation as an administrator in the care of retired sisters and as a councilor. She continues to assist those who visit the Passaic Neighborhood Center for Women, sponsored by the Diocese of Paterson, N.J. She holds a master's degree in religious studies from Manhattan College.

**Sister Francine Kavanah, F.S.P.**, served primarily as a teacher and administrator in elementary schools in New York and New Jersey. She also served as coordinator of religious education in St. Stephen and St. Edward parish in Warwick. In addition, she was activities coordinator at Villa St. Francis in Peekskill. She holds a master's in reading from William Paterson University in New Jersey. She resides at Marian Woods in Hartsdale, where she continues to minister among the retired sisters who live there.

### *Franciscan Sisters of Allegany*

## 65 YEARS

**Sister Rita Frances Guaracsi, O.S.F.**

### *Ursuline Sisters of the Eastern Province, New Rochelle*

## 80 YEARS

**Sister Monica Ste-Marie, O.S.U.**, taught at Catholic schools in the Bronx and Middletown as well as Malone, Washington, D.C., Maryland and Delaware. She did prison ministry for two years. She retired in 2002 and resides at Andrus-on-Hudson.

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Bernadette Hannaway, O.S.U.**, formerly known as Mother Bernadette Marie, taught at Blessed Sacrament School, New Rochelle, 1959-61, and St. Angela Merici, Bronx, 1961-63 and 1964-67. She was director of education for the Ursuline Province, 1972-76; district superintendent of schools for Westchester and Putnam, 1976-1990; assistant provincial of the Ursulines, 1991-1997; director of the Mount St. Ursula Speech Center, the Bronx, 1997-2004; and pastoral associate and director of religious education at St. Mary Star of the Sea, City Island, the Bronx, 2004-2014. She was chairwoman of the Archdiocesan Leadership Council of Women Religious.

**Sister Mary Miller, O.S.U.**, formerly known as Mother Mary Alma, started teaching in 1960 at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, the Bronx, and Ursuline School, New Rochelle. After teaching in Alaska, she worked in the archdiocesan data systems center, 1982-1998, first in Manhattan and then for 15 years as education coordinator at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie. She served in New Rochelle, 2000-2012, at the Salesian Missions and the Adult Learning Center, and at the Testing Center of the Ursuline School.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Kathleen Mary Donohue, O.S.U.**, began teaching in the archdiocese at Blessed Sacrament School, New Rochelle, 1969-1973. At the Ursuline School, New Rochelle, she was a teacher, 1989-1990, and peer ministry/misison effectiveness coordinator, 2003-2006, and has been testing room teacher since 2014. She was administrative assistant at the Ursuline Provincialate, 1987-1989; plant manager, 1986-1987, and administrator and superior, 1994-2002, at Marian Residence, New Rochelle; business manager and development director at Holy Spirit School, the Bronx, 1991-1994; and superior of the Ursuline community residing at Andrus-on-Hudson, 2006-2010, and the Ursulines at Bedford Park, the Bronx, 2011-2014. She has provided pastoral ministry to family members as clergy liaison at the Lucchese Funeral Home, the Bronx, since 2011.

**Sister Geraldine Kennedy, O.S.U.**, an attorney, worked for the Brookdale Center (CUNY), 1985-1987, and Brooklyn Legal Services, 1989-2007, and lectured at the Department for the Aging, 2007-2011. She has been a pro bono attorney for Queens Legal Services since 2013. She taught in the Bronx at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Jerome School, and the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, 1971-1981. She was a member of the Westchester County Council for Seniors, 2008-2011; associate director for LifeWay Network Inc., 2009-2012; and associate superior of the Bedford Park Community, the Bronx, 1972-1982.

## 70 YEARS

**Sister Joanne Desmond, O.S.U.**

## 65 YEARS

**Sister Maria Rosa Deiso, O.S.U.**  
**Sister Mary Dowd, O.S.U.**  
**Sister Phyllis Hinchcliffe, O.S.U.**

### *Congregation of Notre Dame*

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Eileen Tierney, C.N.D.**, began her ministry as an elementary school teacher in Manhattan at St. Columba's School and St. Jean Baptiste. She was a principal in St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1968-1974; administrative assistant and assistant director of wives permanent diaconate program in Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., 1974-1982; associate director, co-director and director of wives permanent diaconate program, Manchester, N.H., 1982-1986; and executive director of the National Association of Permanent Diaconate Directors, 1986-1994. She served as pastoral associate at three parishes in Chicago, 1994-2015. Now retired, she resides at Andrus on Hudson, Hastings-on-Hudson.

**Sister Anne Leonard, C.N.D.**, was a teacher, assistant principal and principal at Notre Dame Academy, Staten Island, 1957-1968. She was principal of schools in Bourbonnais, Ill., 1968-1969, and South Holland, Ill., 1969-1978. She served as superintendent of elementary schools and director of education, Archdiocese of Chicago, 1978-1990; director of education, Diocese of Oklahoma, 1990-1996; provincial leader of the congregation in Ridgefield, Conn., 1996-2005, and councilor on the congregation's leadership team, Montreal, 2006-2016. She resides in Dobbs Ferry.

**Sister Teresa Barton, C.N.D.**, has served as principal at Villa Maria Academy, the Bronx, since 1997. She also was a principal at a school in Providence, R.I., 1976-1995, where she taught, 1957-1961. She taught at St. Columba's School, and St. Thomas the Apostle, both in Manhattan. She also taught and served as a principal in Stamford, Conn.

**Sister Anna Romano, C.N.D.**, served as a teacher of music, social studies, Latin and math at Notre Dame High School, 1960-1965, and St. Jean Baptiste Elementary and High Schools, 1965-1971, both in Manhattan. She was a bursar at Villa Maria Academy, the Bronx, 1971-1982 and 1987-1991; social worker at Archway Alcohol & Drug Clinic, Mount Vernon, 1993-1996; social worker and receptionist at St. Columba's,

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Manhattan, 1997-2002; and volunteer at Epiphany parish, Manhattan, 2004-2011. She served in the congregation's finance office, Wilton, Conn., 2010, and assisted as bursar for sisters at Andrus on Hudson, Hastings-on-Hudson, 2013-2016. She resides at St. Columba's Convent, Manhattan.

**Sister Jeanne Fielder, C.N.D.**, has been teaching religion at a school in Schenectady since 1994. She taught religion at St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan, 1982-1993. She was a teacher at Lincoln Hall, Lincolnale, and a teacher and principal at St. Columba's, Manhattan. Other teacher assignments were in Providence, R.I.; Cleveland; Bourbonnais, Ill.; and Stamford and Hartford, Conn.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Patricia Ells, C.N.D.**, is bursar for the Congregation of Notre Dame in Wilton, Conn., and resides in Norwalk, Conn. She was at St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan, serving as a science teacher, 1970-1975; in campus ministry, 1986-1991; acting principal, 1991-1992; and principal, 1992-1999. She served as principal of Notre Dame Academy, Staten Island, 1999-2001; coordinator for mission and ministry at Edmund Rice Institute, New Rochelle, 2002-2010; and principal at Rice High School, Manhattan, 2010-2011.

## 70 YEARS

**Sister Rita McGetrick, C.N.D.**  
**Sister Natalie Gannon, C.N.D.**  
**Sister Helen Klimeck, C.N.D.**  
**Sister Marie Buckley, C.N.D.**

*Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, Monroe*

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Mary Gemma Spoldi, P.V.M.I.**, at Marycrest Convent, the motherhouse in Monroe, served as general superior, 2002-2007; local superior, 1991-1996; general treasurer, 1987-2002, 1981-1983 and 1972-1977; administrator of house and grounds, 1979-1981; and procurator, 2009-2012. Since 2012, she has served as assistant procurator of Marycrest Convent and in the telephone apostolate, and taught religious education at Holy Family parish in Greenwood Lake. She also served in the Dioceses of Albany and Syracuse, and in Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Born in West Haven, Conn., she entered religious life in 1957 and made final vows in 1963.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Mary Josita Worlock, P.V.M.I.**, was elected assistant general superior of the congregation in June and has served as general councilor since 2002. She was procurator for the community, 1997-2008. At Marycrest, she was editor of Parish Visitor magazine, coordinated public relations and was music director for community liturgies, 1984-1992, and since 1997 has been director of music. She taught at St. Michael's Academy in Washingtonville, 1985. Since 1986, she has served at Sacred Heart parish in Monroe, where she is a catechist, coordinator of the children's cat-

echumenate and confirmation programs, RCIA director and a musician and director of the parish folk group. She served at Blessed Sacrament parish, the Bronx, in family visitation and religious instruction, 1975-1976, and in religious instruction, 1973-1974; and in the First Holy Communion classes at St. Gregory the Great, Manhattan, 1972-1973. Born in Rome, N.Y., she entered religious life in 1967 and made final vows in 1976.

## *Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt*

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Francis McLean, O.P.**, a native of Coatbridge, Scotland, entered the congregation from Sacred Heart parish, the Bronx. She served for more than half a century at St. Dominic's Home, Blauvelt, where she taught at St. Dominic's School, 1945-1948, and was a house parent, 1948-1954. In 1969, she returned to St. Dominic's Home as director of group living. She was an administrative assistant, 1972-1974, and special services coordinator 1974-2015. She also taught at St. Mary Star of the Sea, City Island, the Bronx, 1960-1962, and Holy Spirit, the Bronx, 1968-1969. She was principal and teacher at Immaculate Conception, Amenia, 1962-1968. Now retired, she volunteers at the motherhouse.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Bernadette Marie Doherty, O.P.**, was born in the Bronx and entered the congregation from St. Pius V parish, the Bronx. Her many years of service were spent as an educator. She taught at St. Luke's School, the Bronx, 1962-67; St. Margaret's, Pearl River, 1967-69; and St. Nicholas of Tolentine, the Bronx, 1969-2015. Now retired, she does volunteer work at Tolentine Zeiser Community Life Center, the Bronx.

**Sister Patricia Langton, O.P.**, formerly known as Sister Mary Austin, is a native of Providence, R.I. She taught in the archdiocese at St. Luke's School, the Bronx; St. Peter, Liberty; and St. Anselm, the Bronx, where she also was principal, 1970-1979. She also was principal and director of new programs at St. John, Goshen, 2009-2012. She also was twice a principal in Rhode Island and was an educational administrator for the Diocese of Providence. She was an English as a Second Language teacher in Connecticut. She now volunteers at Harmony Farm, Goshen, and resides at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt.

**Sister Joan McKinney, O.P.**, formerly Sister Joan Marie, was born in Manhattan, and entered the congregation from St. Pius V parish, the Bronx. She taught at St. Catherine's School, Blauvelt, 1969-70; Our Lady of the Rosary, Yonkers, 1970-72; St. Nicholas of Tolentine School, the Bronx, 1972-81; Our Lady of the Assumption, the Bronx, 1981-85; and St. Mary Star of the Sea School, City Island, the Bronx, 1988-2014. She also taught in Florida. She also served at St. Dominic's Home, Blauvelt, 1960-1961; Catholic Center for the Blind, Manhattan, 1961-1968; and St. Dominic Convent, 1968-1969. She is an assistant in the Universal Kindergarten program at

Holy Cross School, the Bronx.

**Sister Geraldine Milbert, O.P.**, formerly known as Sister Marie Bernard, was born in Pittsburgh. She first served as a teacher/librarian in Jamaica, West Indies, 1960-65 and 1966-68. She also served as St. Dominic's School, Blauvelt, 1965-1966; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Academy, Goshen, 1969; Holy Cross School, 1969-1973; Holy Spirit, the Bronx, 1976-1979; St. Anselm, the Bronx, 1979-1980; St. Pius V High School/ St. Jerome School, the Bronx, 1980-1984; St. Luke and St. Anselm, the Bronx, 1984-1987; and St. Jerome, the Bronx, 1984-1995. She was a library/teacher/media specialist at Dominican Academy, Manhattan, 1995-2012. She also taught in Providence, R.I. Since 2012, she has served as congregational archivist for the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt.

**Sister Barbara Werner, O.P.**, formerly Sister William Joseph, was born in the Bronx and entered the congregation from St. Nicholas of Tolentine parish. She was president of the congregation, 1993-1999. She taught at St. Benedict School, the Bronx, 1960-1968, and St. Margaret, Pearl River, 1968-1969. She taught at Dominican College, Blauvelt, 1969-1983, and also served as director of teacher education, 1989-1993; was a member of the freshman support staff, 2010-2011; and was coordinator of freshman registration and an instructor, 2011-2014. She was principal of St. John's School, Goshen, 1999-2009. She also taught in New Jersey. She has served as vice-chairwoman of the board of St. Dominic's Home since 2013, and as motherhouse coordinator since 2014.

## *Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart*

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Barbara Connolly, G.N.S.H.**, formerly known as Sister Mary Luke, was raised in Jackson Heights, Queens. Her earliest assignments were in elementary education at schools in Atlanta, Buffalo and Philadelphia. She also taught in Queens at Blessed Sacrament and St. Leo's schools. She served as a social worker for many years, working for the American Red Cross and other agencies. She was coordinator of mental health at Hour Children, where she found her work of uniting children with their mothers, both in prison and on their return to society, extremely fulfilling. Now retired, she continues to reside in New York.

## *Dominican Sisters of Peace*

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Patricia Cusack, O.P.**, works for the Metropolitan Jewish Health System-Hospice as an educator and trainer of a volunteer corps serving New York City. She previously served for 15 years at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York, where she was a member of a team of professional counselors who assisted families and friends of missing persons from the World Trade Center after 9/11. She was a teacher and administrator in Pittsburgh and Columbus, Ohio, before coming to New York. Born in Pittsburgh, she earned a doctorate from Columbia University, Manhattan.

## MEN RELIGIOUS

*Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, North America Province*

### 60 YEARS

**Brother James Kevin Devlin, C.F.C.**, has been serving at Iona College, New Rochelle, since 1986. He was at Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, 1964-1973, and Iona Grammar School, 1979-1983. He also served in Montreal and Rhode Island. Born in Brooklyn, he professed final vows in 1965.

**Brother John James Fagan, C.F.C.**, serves at Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, N.J. He was at Rice High School, Manhattan, 2003-2005 and 1985-1986; All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1990-1991; and St. Elizabeth School, Manhattan, 1991-1994. He also served in Schenectady, New Jersey, Michigan, Illinois, California, Hawaii, Florida and Zambia. Born in Brooklyn, Brother Fagan made his final vows in 1965.

**Brother Patrick Nicholas Morris, C.F.C.**, has been at St. Joseph's Residence, New Rochelle, since 2006. He was at All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1970-1971, and served as province leader/provincial of the Western American province, 1981-1993; director of Passover international renewal program, 1994-2001; congregation bursar, Rome, 2002-2005; and deputy province leader Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America, 2005-2006. He also served in Michigan, Illinois, Hawaii and New Jersey. Born in Manhattan, Brother Morris professed his final vows in 1965.

**Brother Dominic Joseph Sanpietro, C.F.C.**, has been at Tampa Catholic High School in Florida since 2009. He served in Msgr. Farrell High School, in Massachusetts, Texas and Canada. He also served in Peru for 28 years. Born in Brooklyn, Brother Sanpietro made his final vows in 1965.

### 50 YEARS

**Brother Robert E. Novak, C.F.C.**, is a physics professor and a team moderator for the men's and women's rowing programs at Iona College, New Rochelle. His assignments included Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island, 1975-1976, and Iona College, New Rochelle, 1976-1982 and 1985-present. He also served in New Jersey. Born in Orange, N.J., Brother Novak professed his final vows in 1975.

**Brother Francis Damien Ryan, C.F.C.**, has been serving at New Street-St. John's Parish Community, North Charleston, S.C., since 2015. He was at All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1971-1973; Power Memorial Academy, Manhattan, 1973-1981; Rice High School, Manhattan, 1981-1986; and Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx, 1986-1989. He also served in Schenectady, Rochester, Florida and Texas. Born in the Bronx, Brother Ryan made his final vows in 1975.

**Brother John Gennaro Sullo, C.F.C.**, is working in the office of educational services, New Rochelle. He had ministries at Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island, 1979-1984; All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1999-2003 and 2008-2009; Iona College, New Rochelle, 2009-2015; and the Christian Brothers Foundation, New

Rochelle, 2016-2017. He was director of mission education, New Rochelle, 2003-2008. He also served in Schenectady, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Florida. Born in Manhattan, Brother Sullo professed his final vows in 1975.

*Brothers of the Christian Schools,  
District of Eastern North America*

**60 YEARS**

**Brother Stephen Olert, F.S.C.**, serves as the sub-director of novices. He was a high school teacher and administrator, serving at St. Jerome School, the Bronx; Sacred Heart School, Yonkers; and Manhattan College. He also has served in De La Salle Christian Brothers schools in Syracuse, Skaneateles, Albany, Michigan and New Jersey. He has served his religious congregation in provincial administration, as vocation director, in formation ministry and as director of the Office of Senior Brothers. Brother Olert received the habit in 1956, and professed first vows in 1957 and final vows in 1963.

**50 YEARS**

**Brother Richard Lalime, F.S.C.**, retired earlier this year after teaching religion at St. Raymond High School for Boys, the Bronx, since 2008. He also taught in De La Salle Christian Brothers Schools in Brooklyn, Freeport and Rhode Island. He also served as a teacher and vice principal at St. Joseph School in Ethiopia. Brother Lalime received the habit in 1966, and professed first vows in 1967 and final vows in 1977.

*Paulist Fathers*

**60 YEARS**

**Father Vinny McKiernan, C.S.P.**, a native of Manhattan, has served as a Catholic campus minister at St. Thomas More Newman Center at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, for 27 years. He also was director of novices and served on the pastoral staff of the Paulist Center, Boston.

**Father Edward Pietrucha, C.S.P.**, resides at the Paulist Fathers' motherhouse in Manhattan. He served as a parochial vicar at St. Paul the Apostle, Manhattan. He was director of instructional programs at the Paulist Center, Boston; pastor of a parish in Austin, Texas, and a parochial vicar of parishes in Tuscon, Ariz., and Toronto;

superior of the Paulist Fathers in Greeley, Colo.; and rector of Church of Santa Susanna, Rome. The New Jersey native attended Manhattan College, the Bronx.

**Father Thomas Stransky, C.S.P.**, resides at the Little Sisters of the Poor residence, Totowa, N.J. A recipient of an honorary degree from the University of Notre Dame in 2015, he was president and director of novices for the Paulist Fathers, and was rector of Tantur Ecumenical Institute, a center of theological scholarship in Jerusalem. As a staff member of the Vatican's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, he was instrumental in the writing of the Vatican II document "Nostra Aetate," the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions.

**50 YEARS**

**Father John Foley, C.S.P.**, served as vice president of the Paulist Fathers, 2010-2014. A canon lawyer, he served as parochial vicar of St. Paul the Apostle parish, Manhattan; pastor of Good Shepherd, Manhattan; rector of Church of Santa Susanna, Rome; and pastor of Old St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco. A native of Dublin, Ireland, he was raised in Manhattan and the Bronx.

*Franciscan Friars of the  
Atonement-Graymoor, Garrison*

**60 YEARS**

**Father Joseph DiMauro, S.A.**, a native of Boston who is retired, is director of the Father Paul of Graymoor Guild in Garrison. He also was the administrator of St. Paul's Friary at Graymoor in Garrison, Sant'Onofrio al Gianicolo in Rome and St. Joseph Novitiate in Saranac Lake. He was pastor in Lumberton, N.C., and served on the staffs of a chapel in Brockton, Mass., and the retreat department at Graymoor. He entered the Friars in 1957, professed first vows in 1960 and final vows in 1965, and was ordained in 1978.

**Brother John Baptist Hildreth, S.A.**, a native of New Haven, Conn., is retired. He served in the culinary departments of St. Paul Friary at Graymoor and Our Lady of the Atonement Novitiate, was pilgrimage coordinator at Graymoor in Garrison and was a staff member at the Catholic Central Library in London. He also served in the retreat

department at Graymoor, where he also was vocation director, and at Our Lady of the Rosary parish, Yonkers, and Paul Wattson Friary in Toronto. He entered the Friars in 1957, and professed first vows in 1960 and final vows in 1965.

**Brother Hugh MacIsaac, S.A.**, a native of Sydney, Nova Scotia, who is retired, is the guardian of Paul Wattson Friary in Toronto. He was an administrator at St. John Seminary, Montour Falls, and served at Catholic Central Library in London and in parish ministry in Vancouver, British Columbia. He also served at a mission in Jamaica, West Indies, in prison chaplaincy in California, in hospital ministry in Vancouver and as guardian of St. Paul's Friary at Graymoor. He entered the Friars in 1957, and professed first vows in 1960 and final vows in 1965.

**Brother Bill Martyn, S.A.**, a native of Boston, is chairman of the ecumenical and interreligious committee and is a member of the council of St. Paul's Friary at Graymoor. He served in Brazil, was involved in campus ministry at the University of Oklahoma, served at a chapel in Brockton, Mass., and as co-director and then director of the Graymoor Ecumenical Institute. He also served as director of the New York Archdiocese's Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission; the friars' procurator general to the Holy See; associate director for the Center for Interreligious Understanding at Ramapo College in New Jersey; ecumenical officer for the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C.; and director of faith formation at a parish in Cary, N.C. He entered the Friars in 1957, and professed first vows in 1960 and final vows in 1965.

**Brother DePorres Poncia, S.A.**, a native of Wilmington, Del., is guardian of St. Paul's Friary at Graymoor in Garrison. He served in parish ministry in Texas, and was guardian of friaries in Cumberland, R.I., and Washington, D.C. He also served as guardian and director of a friary in Brockton, Mass. He entered the Friars in 1957, and professed first vows in 1960 and final vows in 1965.

**25 YEARS**

**Brother Thomas Banacki, S.A.**, a native of Bayonne, N.J., is the guardian and director of a friary in Brockton, Mass. He served at St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor in Garrison, where he also was director of the vocation

department. He was the thrift/gift store manager at a chapel in Brockton, Mass. He entered the Friars in 1990, professed first vows in 1992 and final vows in 1995.

*Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers,  
Ossining*

**65 YEARS**

**Brother Gordon Burns, M.M.**  
**Brother Victor Marshall, M.M.**  
**Brother Martin Shea, M.M.**

**60 YEARS**

**Father Marvin F. Deutsch, M.M.**  
**Father Thomas F. Donnelly, M.M.**  
**Father Gerald J. Farrell, M.M.**  
**Brother Vianney Flick, M.M.**  
**Father David C. Kelly, M.M.**  
**Father Gerald J. Nagle, M.M.**  
**Father Kenneth J. Sullivan, M.M.**

**50 YEARS**

**Father Jeremiah R. Burr, M.M.**  
**Father Emile E. Dumas, M.M.**  
**Father Francis B. Higdon, M.M.**  
**Father Gerald E. Kelly, M.M.**  
**Father William J. McIntire, M.M.**  
**Father John C. Moynihan, M.M.**

**40 YEARS**

**Father Curtis R. Cadorette, M.M.**  
**Father Dennis W. Cleary, M.M.**  
**Father William J. Grimm, M.M.**  
**Father Joseph V. McCabe, M.M.**  
**Father Joseph L. Thaler, M.M.**


*Franciscan Friars,  
Holy Name Province*

**50 YEARS**

**Father Russell Becker, O.F.M.,  
of Tokyo, Japan**  
**Brother John Capozzi, O.F.M.,  
of Margate, N.J.**  
**Father Eric Carpine, O.F.M.,  
of St. Petersburg, Fla.**  
**Brother Anthony LoGalbo, O.F.M., of  
Boston**  
**Father William McConville, O.F.M., of  
Durham, N.C.**  
**Father Robert Menard, O.F.M.,  
of Clemson, S.C.**

**25 YEARS**

**Father Jacques LaPointe, O.F.M.,  
of Boston**



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# Jubilarian's Advice to Young Priests: Get to Know Families

By **ARMANDO MACHADO**

**F**ather Edward Pietrucha, C.S.P., found his vocation to the priesthood and religious life as a student at Manhattan College in the Bronx. Today, he is serving in senior ministry at the Paulist Motherhouse on West 59th Street in Manhattan.

Father Pietrucha, 89, is celebrating his 60th anniversary in the priesthood.

His message to young priests today: "Get to know the families very well—visit them, bless their homes."

Father Pietrucha speaks five languages, including English and Polish, his family's ancestral tongue. The Paulist Motherhouse site includes the St. Paul the Apostle Church, mother church of the Paulist Fathers.

"This is where I started, this is where it's going to end," Father Pietrucha told CNY with a gentle laugh last week. "I liked their work—the conversion of America...My first assignment was here, with the Puerto Rican community. I started the Hispanic ministry here in this parish."

He was ordained at St. Paul the Apostle May 11, 1957.

In his second year at Manhattan College, Father Pietrucha picked up a pamphlet about the Paulist Fathers in the campus chapel, thus beginning his discernment for a religious vocation. He had attended Manhattan College for one year, and then served in the U.S. Navy for two years, 1946-1948, and returned to Manhattan College for his sophomore



COURTESY OF THE PAULIST FATHERS



## THROUGH THE YEARS—

Father Edward Pietrucha, C.S.P., has served as a priest of the Paulist Fathers for 60 years.

year. He later received his college degree from St. Paul's College, the Paulist major seminary in Washington, D.C.

Father Pietrucha, who has a polite and congenial demeanor, walks with the aid of a cane, or a wheeled walker. Born in Newark, N.J., and raised in nearby Irvington, he was the youngest of seven—six boys, one girl. He is the only surviving brother; his sister lives in New Jersey.

He has a nephew who is a Paulist priest in Califor-

nia and a cousin who is a nun in Pennsylvania.

Father Pietrucha's first assignment was as a parochial vicar of St. Paul the Apostle parish in Manhattan, 1957-1964. He also was director of instructional programs at the Paulist Center in Boston; a pastor in Austin, Texas; a parochial vicar in Toronto and in Tucson, Ariz.; superior of the Paulist Fathers in Greeley, Colo.; rector of the Church of Santa Susanna in Rome (which serves Americans while they're in Rome). He returned to the Paulist Motherhouse in 2015.

His fluency in Spanish was welcomed by Puerto Ricans and other Latinos at St. Paul the Apostle parish. Ministering to the Latino community was a very important part of his work in New York, he said. His Spanish-language skills also came in handy when he ventured for family-time leisure during visits to Latin America, including Mexico, Panama, Colombia and Venezuela.

He speaks Italian, Portuguese and Spanish in addition to Polish and English, and he has celebrated Mass in all of those.

"I celebrated Mass with the pope (John Paul II) two or three times," Father Pietrucha noted, recalling his four years in Rome in the 1980s, and the Polish pope's delight when they first met and he spoke Polish to the pontiff.

Father Pietrucha's favorite feast day is Pentecost. "It's the heart of the Church—the Holy Spirit leads us to Christ."

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