

2017 religious jubilarians

Celebrating milestone years of service to the faith

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Catholic Times is pleased to recognize the following religious sisters and one religious brother who have lived in or served in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and

are celebrating a significant jubilee in 2017.

These people surely deserve our thanks, respect, admiration and prayers for selflessly and courageously answering the call to serve God's people. Read on to see if you recognize someone who has made a difference in your life or in the life of someone you know.


**ADORERS of the
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**Sister Mary Anthony
Mathews, ASC**

84 Years

This year Sister Mary Anthony Mathews, ASC, is celebrating 84 years as a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, United States Region. A native of Coulterville, she professed vows on July 2, 1933 in Ruma.



Sister Mary Anthony

Sister Mary Anthony earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Saint

Louis University in 1948 and later a master's in education, also from Saint Louis University in 1960. A long-time learner, she earned a certificate in the Corporate Ministry Program, again from Saint Louis University in 1984 — more than 50 years after her profession.

In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois she was a teacher at the Catholic Children's Home in Alton. Her principal areas of ministry were teacher, principal, education coordinator, corporate ministry chaplain and adult educator. Outside the United States, she was a tutor in La Labor, Guatemala and was also a teacher and missionary in China during WWII, where she was for a time held prisoner in a concentration camp.

Now living mission later in life, Sister Mary Anthony resides at Red Bud and will be honored by ASC community members with a celebration in September at Ruma Center.

Sister Celeste Odorizzi, ASC
75 Years

Sister Celeste Odorizzi, ASC, is celebrating 75 years as a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, United States Region. She was baptized at St. Agnes Parish in Hillsboro and entered the religious life from Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Alton. She professed vows in Ruma on July 1, 1942.

She earned a bachelor's in history with a minor in music education from Font-

bonne College (now University) in St. Louis in 1954. She went on to earn her master's in education with a minor in music education from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana in 1960.

In the Springfield diocese, Sister Celeste was a teacher and organist at the Catholic Children's Home in Alton. Her ministry included teaching music at both the elementary and secondary levels, directing orchestras and also teaching history and geography at the secondary level.



Sister Celeste

Sister Celeste is living mission later in life at Red Bud, and also continues as a musician, playing organ and trumpet and singing in the choir.

She will celebrate with her ASC community members at the Ruma Center in September.

Sister Alicia Drone, ASC
60 Years

Ridgeway native Sister Alicia Drone, ASC, is celebrating 60 years as a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, U.S. Region. She professed vows on July 1, 1957 at Ruma.

Sister Alicia has a bachelor's degree in history from Saint Louis University, which she earned in 1970. Ten years later, she earned a master's in religious studies, also from Saint Louis University.



Sister Alicia

Her main areas of ministry have been as a teacher; in community service as a vocation and formation director; as a personnel director; and as a director of religious education in parishes, schools and prisons.

In the Springfield diocese Sister Alicia was director of religious education at St. Peter Parish in Quincy and coordinator of spiritual formation at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Effingham. She is now living mission later in life at Red Bud.

Sister Alicia and her invited guests will celebrate her jubilee in June at Ruma Center.

Sister Joan Marie Voss, ASC
60 Years

On July 1, 1957, St. Louis native Sister Joan Marie Voss, ASC, professed vows with the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, U.S. Region, in Ruma.

A religious sister for 60 years, she has a bachelor's in business education from Fontbonne College (now University) in St. Louis, which she earned in 1965. In 1971, she earned a master's degree in spirituality from St. Mary University in San Antonio, Texas. In 1999, she completed a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with internships at Deaconess and Saint Louis University hospitals.

In the Springfield diocese, Sister Joan Marie was administrator of the Catholic Children's Home in Alton. She has taught at both elementary and secondary levels, has been a religion coordinator at the



Sister Joan Marie

diocesan level, served as diocesan office executive of social concerns, been a formation director, provincial leader and councillor on ASC general administration.

Now a spiritual director/retreat director, Sister Joan Marie resides in Belleville. She plans a June celebration with invited guests at Ruma Center.

Sister Janet Sue Smith, ASC
50 Years

Sister Janet Sue Smith, ASC, is a native of Chester who professed vows with the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, United States Region, on July 1, 1967 in Ruma.



Sister Janet Sue

She has been a religious sister for 50 years and earned her bachelor's of science in nursing from Saint Louis University in 1970. She went on to earn a master's in pastoral studies in 1983, from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

In the Springfield diocese she was a nurse at St. Vincent Hospital (now Taylorville Memorial Hospital) and liturgist at St. Vincent Hospital and at St. Mary

Parish in Taylorville.

Outside of the United States, she was a clinic administrator in Liberia, West Africa. She was also a director of parish clinic and Catholic social services in Tucson, Ariz.; research and co-administrator of Project Unmet Needs in Cairo; a liturgist and organist; and was director of community life and mission at Wichita Center in Wichita, Kan.

Presently Sister Janet Sue is a liturgist at Ruma Center in Ruma. She will celebrate with invited guests who will honor her at Ruma Center in June.


**SISTERS of DIVINE
PROVIDENCE**
**Sister Jacklyn
Pritchard, CDP**
60 Years

Sister Jacklyn Pritchard, CDP, is from Sacred Heart Parish (now Holy Family) in Granite City. When she was 13, a friend invited her along to visit her sister — a Sister of Divine Providence — at the

motherhouse. She recalls, "The motherhouse appeared mysterious to me. As we approached the entrance, I had eerie feelings. But when Sister Catherine Micka, CDP, opened the door, she had the most welcoming, peaceful smile on her face that I remember thinking, 'I want to be that happy.'" It was at that moment that Sister Jacklyn felt called to religious life.

Sister Jacklyn's ministry began in education. She taught in Catholic schools in Missouri, Illinois and Louisiana. As principal, she served at St. Mary School in Brussels; St. Mary School in Centralia; Providence Heights Alpha School in Allison Park, Penn.; and St. Ambrose School in Chaffee, Mo. While principal at St. Mary in Centralia, Sister Jacklyn was also the Rainbows Director for the Diocese of Belleville. When she moved into parish ministry, she worked as parish life coordinator in Sandoval, and as pastoral



Sister Jacklyn

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associate at St. Elizabeth Church in Granite City (2012 to 2013). Since 2015, she has been pastoral minister at Holy Family Parish in Granite City and St. Mary and St. Mark Parish in Madison.

Sister Jacklyn finds everything about religious life rewarding. She says, "One of the most rewarding aspects of religious life for me has been the joy of being in community. We are family and that has always pleased me and has brought me much happiness. As the Divine Providence family, we are a prayerful, joyful and caring group of sisters and associates. Prayer has always been a primary focus for us. I have appreciated the many prayerful experiences and meaningful rituals through the years. We have always delighted in celebrating together and inviting others to join us. Laughter, joy and hospitality are trademarks of our community. We continue to discover ways to extend God's providential care and concern to those with whom we interact within our ministries and daily lives. These elements of religious life have been fulfilling for me and have brought me peace."

Self-described as grateful, friendly and community-centered, Sister Jacklyn enjoys the outdoors, crocheting and reading and has always been interested in finding ways to help the homeless.

sister Barbara McMullen, CDP 50 Years

Sister Barbara McMullen, CDP, entered religious life from St. Mary Parish in Madison. She credits the Sisters of Divine Providence who taught her in grade school,



sister Barbara

especially Sister Leona Zimmerman and Sister Mary Ann Haug, for influencing her decision to enter religious life. Both these women demonstrated happiness, peace, a loving and caring spirit and a giving nature of service to others. Sister Barbara liked what she saw and wanted to give her life to God, as they did. In these 50 years of religious life, she has tried to live in that same spirit and use the gifts God has given her for others.

Sister Barbara is the executive director of Women of Providence in Collaboration (she was appointed in 2012), a national organization of Providence communities across the United States and Canada. She

also held this position from 2000 to 2007. Throughout her early ministry, Sister Barbara taught in elementary education, adult faith formation, and served in parish ministry. For 11 years she was involved in vocation, formation and leadership ministry in her community. Sister Barbara worked for the Catholic Health Association as a senior associate in the Mission and Sponsorship department (1995 to 2000), where she co-authored a book on alternative models of sponsorship, and published prayers and reflections in *Health Progress* magazine. During her last term of leadership in the community (2007 to 2011), Sister Barbara, as assistant to the provincial, collaborated with Mission Advancement in writing a mission manual and various mission-related pieces for use by the community, as well as conducting mission orientations for employees. She is also published in works by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

Of the aspects of her religious life that she has found most satisfying, rewarding or surprising, Sister Barbara says, "In the early years of my religious life I found teaching to be most satisfying and rewarding. I love children and I learned a lot just being with them, learning their different personalities and their awesome wonder at life. I moved on to parish ministry, working with adults, particularly in faith formation. I found that sharing my faith and pastoral gifts with others was rewarding, and accompanying others on a faith journey was full of surprises. It is a humbling and fulfilling experience to have others trust you with their deepest faith-seeking. I believe that being a woman of Providence and living that charism daily is who I am meant to be. Providence is about openness, trust and loving care. It is about bringing hope to a wounded world. That is the work I want to be about in my little corner of the world. The God of Providence guides me daily to be attuned to all the myriad and surprising ways that God is present in my life and in the lives of those around me. Having a supportive family, community and circle of friends is one of the greatest gifts in my life. Being with my sisters and associates in sharing this providence journey, I believe, has made me a better person. Thinking about these 50 years in religious life, the word which comes to mind is 'gratitude' for God's faithfulness to me."

Sister Barbara grew up in the small town of Madison, and resides today in nearby Granite City. In 2013, she published her first book, *Soul Stretching: The Inner Landscape of an Ordinary Life*. Self-described as a woman of integrity who is loving, passionate and creative, Sister Barbara enjoys reading, especially historical biographies, novels, and fiction — mostly mysteries. She likes to travel and learn about different cultures, geographies, cuisines and customs. For relaxation she enjoys adult coloring books, writing, giving retreats, days of reflection and being near water or out in nature.

sister Robin Nordyke, CDP 25 Years

Sister Robin Nordyke, CDP, entered religious life in 1992 from St. Michael the Archangel in Staunton. She credits her parents, especially her mother and how she lived her life, as well as women religious that she had encountered for influencing her decision to enter religious life. She had often thought about becoming a sister because of her positive encounters with others in religious



sister Robin

life while growing up in a small town in southern Illinois. She said, "How they lived their lives and how happy they seemed to be, made a great impression on me." Eventually, she felt that God was calling her, and she chose the Sisters of Divine Providence because of

their charism of trust, something she felt she lacked in herself. She also recalls, "It just felt right to be with them."

Sister Robin earned a bachelor's degree in social justice administration from the University of Illinois Springfield (formerly Sangamon State University) in Springfield, and a licentiate in Canon Law (J.C.L.) from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She was a patient service representative at St. Elizabeth Medical Center (now Gateway Regional Medical Center) in Granite City, from 1995 to 2002. For nine years (2005 to 2014), she was the tribunal coordinator/promoter of justice for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. Since 2014, she has been a tribunal judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Sister Robin enjoys spending time with family and friends and Cardinals baseball. Her favorite color is St. Louis Cardinals red! She enjoys reading, playing board games, trivia contests and fixing things around the house.

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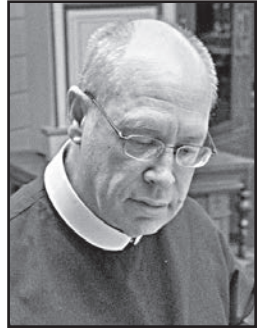
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FRANCISCAN BROTHERS of the HOLY CROSS

Brother Christian Guertin, FFSC 50 Years

Brother Christian Guertin, FFSC, is celebrating 50 years as a member of the Franciscan Brothers of the Holy Cross. He received the habit of the Franciscan Brothers of the Holy Cross on Jan. 25, 1967, at St. Anthony Novitiate in Riverton. He is a native of Bell-



Brother Christian

ingham, Mass. Brother Christian holds a degree from Springfield College in Illinois in music; a bachelor's degree in child, family and community services, from Sangamon State University; and

a master's degree in theology from Loyola University, in New Orleans.

In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, Brother Christian presently serves in ministry as the coordinator of liturgy and music for the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis in Springfield. He served as theology educator at Ursuline Academy, and in community ministries in special education. He responded to community needs being stationed in Palos Park, Fayetteville, Ark., and Hannibal, Mo. In community, he ministered in leadership, as a superior, vocation director and novicemaster.

He currently resides at St. James Monastery in Springfield. A jubilee Mass and celebration for the community will be held on the Feast of the Visitation of Mary, May 31.

SISTERS of ST. FRANCIS of the MARTYR ST. GEORGE

Sister M. Immaculata Biskner, FSGM 25 Years

Sister M. Immaculata Biskner, FSGM, entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George community on Sept. 8, 1992 at St. Francis Convent in Alton. She was born in Pontiac, Mich., and is the daughter of Ron and Sally Biskner.



Sister M. Immaculata

She has a bachelor's degree in English/secondary education from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Since 1996 she has been a middle school teacher in South Amboy, N.J., and in Hastings, Neb.

Sister M. Immaculata presently resides in Hastings, Neb. She will celebrate her silver jubilee with her community on Sept. 16 at the provincial house in Alton.

Sister M. Christina Hasler, FSGM 25 Years

It was on Sept. 8, 1992 that St. Louis native Sister M. Christina Hasler, FSGM, entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George community at St. Francis Convent in Alton.



Sister M. Christina

Sister M. Christina, the daughter of Deanna Hasler and the late George Hasler, earned an associate's degree in child development at Lewis and Clark Community College. From 1995 to 1999 she served in domestic service at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C. For the next five years she was a teacher at St. Francis Day Care Center in Alton. She is presently serving as local superior of St. Francis Convent in Alton.

Sister M. Christina will celebrate her silver jubilee with the community at the provincial house in Alton on Sept. 16.

Sister M. Agnes Labbé, FSGM 25 Years

Born in Opelousas, La., Sister M. Agnes Labbé, FSGM, is the daughter of Ludrick and Brenda Labbé. On Sept. 8, 1992, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George at St. Francis Convent in Alton.



Sister M. Agnes

Sister M. Agnes earned a bachelor's degree in mathematical science/secondary education from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. From 1998 to 2007, she taught high school in Rock Island and in Kansas City, Kan. From 2007 to 2009, she was provincial secretary in Alton and then from 2009 to 2016, she was postulant director, also in Alton.

Last year, Sister M. Agnes was named general councilor, general governance of the

motherhouse in Germany, where she will celebrate her silver jubilee this September.

Sister M. Hannah Minor, FSGM 25 Years

Sister M. Hannah Minor, FSGM, hails from Norwalk, Conn., and is the daughter of James and Andrea Minor. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George on Sept. 8, 1992 at St. Francis Convent in Alton.



Sister M. Hannah

She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Missouri at St. Louis. From 1998 to 2002, she was an elementary school teacher in Champaign. Fifteen years ago, in 2002, she began her present assignment in Sapporo, Japan, where she is a high school English teacher.

Sister M. Hannah will celebrate her silver jubilee with the community at the provincial house in Sapporo.

Sister M. Angelica Neumann, FSGM 25 Years

Sister M. Angelica Neumann, FSGM, entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George on Sept. 8, 1992. She was born in Minneapolis, the daughter of Lotar and Ramona Neumann.

She earned a bachelor's in nursing from the Franciscan University of Steubenville and then a master's in nursing administration from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

From 1995 to 2014 she was in nursing and nursing administration in Saint Anthony's Health Center in Alton and Mother of Good Counsel Home in St. Louis. From 2014 to 2016, she was a nursing program specialist at OSF Healthcare System in Peoria.

Beginning in 2016, Sister M. Angelica began serving as a hospice nurse for OSF Hospice/Home Health in Peoria.

She will celebrate her jubilee with the community on Sept. 16 at the provincial house in Alton.

DOMINICAN SISTERS of SPRINGFIELD

Sister Martina Finn, OP 75 Years

Sister Martina Finn, OP, professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois at Sacred Heart Convent on Aug. 4, 1942. She grew up in Arcola in St. John the Baptist Parish.

Sister Martina earned a bachelor's of philosophy from DePaul University and has an elementary teaching certificate. She spent many years in elementary education and taught primary grades at St. Maurice in Morrisonville from 1949 to 1959. She was a first-grade teacher at St. Malachy School in Rantoul and at Holy Angels School in Aurora. Additionally, she was a daycare center coordinator at St. Mary-Rogers Memorial Hospital in Rogers, Ark. From 1991 through 2009, Sister Martina was secretary for nursing care at Sacred Heart Convent. She presently lives a ministry of prayer at that convent.

"I grew up with prayerful parents. Dad said the rosary while plowing behind the horses in the field; Mom would take 30 minutes of prayer after noon meal every day," she remembers. "Their example was a big part of what drew me to religious life."

Sister Martina will celebrate privately with the community on Aug. 6.

Sister M. Angelene Biderbost, OP 60 Years

On Jan. 4, 1957, Sister M. Angelene Biderbost, OP, professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois at Sacred Heart Convent. A Springfield native, she calls Ss. Peter and Paul her home parish.

Sister M. Angelene earned her bachelor's degree in education from St. Xavier College and her master's in administration and supervision from the University of Illinois. She has spent much



Sister M. Angelene

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of her ministry in elementary education, including the following assignments in the Springfield diocese: junior high at Our Lady of Lourdes in Decatur from 1985 to 1986; principal and eighth-grade teacher at Sacred Heart/St. Joseph School in Granite City from 1986 to 1988; principal at Holy Family in Granite City from 1988 to 2000; junior high at Little Flower in Springfield from 2000 to 2009; middle school then part-time substitute teacher at St. Agnes in Springfield from 2009 to 2015.

Sister M. Angelene is currently a tutor at St. Patrick School in Springfield; a receptionist at Sacred Heart Convent; and a Parish School of Religion teacher at St. Agnes Parish in Springfield.

Sister M. Angelene, who will celebrate privately with the community on Aug. 6, remembers her calling this way: "I was drawn to religious life because of my parents' example in the practice of their faith, and the dedication and joy of the Dominican Sisters who taught me at St. Agnes and Sacred Heart Academy in Springfield."

Sister Bernice Juip, OP 60 Years

Sister Bernice Juip, OP (formerly known as Sister M. Anthony) professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois on Jan. 4, 1957 at Sacred Heart Convent. She calls Romeo, Mich., her hometown.

She earned her bachelor's degree in English from DePaul University and then went on to earn a master's of education, administration and supervision from the University of Illinois. Her principle areas of ministry have been elementary education and administration.

In the Springfield diocese, she was a primary school teacher at St. Maurice School in Morrisonville from the late 1940s until the late 1950s; and then at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini School from 1957 to 1960. She was principal at Christ the King School from 1976 to 1981; taught eighth grade and was then principal at St. Dominic School in Quincy from 1984 to 1991.

She returned to Springfield to serve as assistant principal as Sacred Heart-Griffin High School from 1991 to 1994 before becoming Siena Hall coordinator at the convent from 1994 to 1997. Since 2001,

Sister Bernice has been administrative assistant for the prioress general at Sacred Heart Convent.

Looking back, she says: "The joy-filled witness of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield who taught me at Augustine High School in Richmond, Mich., attracted me to religious life. Living and sharing in my religious community of Springfield Dominican Sisters, being an active part of my family, and having supportive friends are God's blessings for me. I am blessed."

Sister Bernice will celebrate privately with her community on Aug. 6.

Sister Mary Jerome Quinn, OP 60 Years

Born in Newport, County Mayo, Ireland, Sister Mary Jerome Quinn, OP, grew up there at St. Patrick Church. She came to the United States and professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois on Jan. 4, 1957.

She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Ambrose College and her principal area of ministry was primary education. In the Springfield diocese she was a kindergarten teacher at Cathedral School from 1960 to 1967. Since 2014, she has been volunteering at Holy Family in Decatur, where she now lives.

Sister Mary Jerome explains what brought her to America: "I was trying to make a decision about whether to enter a community in Ireland or go to the United States. This was 1955, and my pastor wisely said to me, 'The United States needs you more than Ireland.' The faith life in Ireland was very strong at the time and there was a great need for teaching sisters in the midst of the post-war baby boom in the U.S. That made my decision."

Sister Mary Jerome will celebrate privately with her community on Aug. 6.

Sister M. Linda Tonellato, OP 60 Years

Sister M. Linda Tonellato, OP, professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois on Jan. 4, 1957. She grew up in Springfield, where she was a member of Cathedral Parish. She will celebrate privately with her community on Aug. 6.

She has her certificate in preaching from Aquinas Institute of Theology and a master's in secondary education, English, from DePaul University. Her principal areas of

ministry have been education and religious education.

In the Springfield diocese she was in the diocesan Religious Education Office from 1969 to 1971; taught English and theology at Sacred Heart Academy from 1977 to



Sister M. Linda

1985; worked in adult formation and cooked for the sisters at Our Saviour Parish in Jacksonville from 1986 to 1991; spent from 1991 to 1993 teaching adult religious education at the Arcola Religious Education Center; and was pastoral associate at St. Mary Parish in Sainte Marie from 1993 to 1994. Since 2010, she has been curator of the Heritage Room at Sacred Heart Convent.

"Reading books about Dominican saints and having Dominican teachers were what brought me to the order," she says. "I loved my teachers and I was drawn to St. Catherine of Siena. I wanted to belong entirely to Jesus. That may sound a little odd to our modern ears, but it was the case and still is. My relationship with Jesus is paramount in my life."

Sister Ann Clennon, OP 50 Years

Sister Ann Clennon, OP, who was formerly known as Sister Mary Patricia, professed vows with the Dominican Sisters

of Springfield, Illinois on June 19, 1967 at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. She is a native of Philo, and calls St. Thomas her home parish.

She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Ambrose College and primarily ministered in education, including spending 18 years at the Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora. She also held the following assignments in the Springfield diocese: first grade teacher at Little Flower School in Springfield from 1968 to 1970; primary grade teacher at Sacred Heart School in Pana from 1970 to 1974; and finally an eighth-grade teacher at Christ the King School in Springfield from 1981 to 1983.

Presently, Sister Ann is an event planner and assistant to the leadership team at Sacred Heart Convent, an assignment she has held since 2015.

"My aunts, Dominican Sisters M. Agatha and Mary Lois, and the sisters I had at St. Thomas in Philo and Sacred Heart Academy were a big influence on me," she says. "I came because I was very aware that I was receiving a 'call.' I have stayed because I believe I am still being called!"



Sister Ann



Sister Mary Jerome



Sister Bernice

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In honor of her jubilee, she had a private celebration with her Dominican sisters in April, with another celebration planned in August.

Sister Jean Patrick Ehrhardt, OP

50 Years

Rushville native Sister Jean Patrick Ehrhardt, OP, professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois, on June 19, 1967 at Sacred Heart Convent. She grew up in St. Rose of Lima Parish.

Sister Jean Patrick has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Ambrose College and a master's in non-public elementary education from St. Thomas



Sister Jean Patrick

University. Her primary areas of ministry were in elementary education and pastoral ministry. In the Springfield diocese she was principal of Christ the King School from 1981 to 1983 and taught sixth grade at Cathedral School in Springfield from 1992 to 1995. She was also a parish visitor at Holy Family Parish in Granite City from 1995 to 2005. Since 2005 she has been serving as transportation coordinator for the Dominican sisters at Sacred Heart Convent.

Sister Jean Patrick had a private celebration with her Dominican sisters in April and will have another local private celebration planned in August. Additionally, she will have a public celebration late this summer at her home parish, St. Rose of Lima.

"All the teachers I had at St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling, and special priests who have mentored me and my family encouraged my religious vocation," she says. "I joined the community at age 29 because I felt God calling me to more than the family hardware store. I stayed because it is a wonderful life. All the children I have taught and the people who have touched my life have been a gift from God."

Sister Kathleen Gallagher, OP

50 Years

Sister Kathleen Gallagher, OP, formerly known as Sister Joseph Anne, professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois at Sacred Heart Convent on June 19, 1967. A native of Steger, she grew up at St. Liborius Parish.

Sister Kathleen has two master's degrees: a master's of elementary education (learning disabilities) from Northern Illinois University, and a master's of multicultural education from Columbia University.

Her primary areas of ministry have been in elementary education and



Sister Kathleen

administration, including many happy years at St. Peter School in Aurora and in the Springfield diocese at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Decatur from 1978 to 1981. Since 2014, Sister Kathleen has

been general council for the Dominican Sisters of Springfield.

"Religious life has offered a God-centered way of life for me," she says.

Sister Kathleen had a private celebration with her Dominican sisters in April and will have another local private celebration on Aug. 6.

Sister Martha Marie Kirbach, OP

50 Years

Sister Martha Marie Kirbach, OP, formerly known as Sister Mary Marlene, professed vows as a Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois on June 19, 1967 at Sacred Heart Convent. She is a native of Carrollton and calls St. John her home parish.

She has a master's degree in education, learning disabilities, from Northern Illinois University and her principal areas of ministry have been in elementary education. In the Springfield diocese she taught second grade at Little Flower School from 2001 to 2005 and then spent the next school year teaching at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. Since 2015 she has been a teacher's aide at St. Agnes School in Springfield and serves in pastoral care at St. Joseph Parish in Springfield.

Sister Martha Marie enjoyed a public reception at St. Agnes Parish in April. Additionally, she had a private celebration with her Dominican sisters in April and will have another local private celebration in August.

"The lived faith and active participation I witnessed and shared in with my parents and grandparents, and the Dominican Sisters of Springfield who taught me, were my greatest influences," she says. "The urging call of Christ to 'come and follow me' as a Dominican Sister unfolded for me as 'the way, the truth and the life' for my life."



Sister Martha Marie

Sister M. Katrina Lamkin, OP

50 Years

On June 19, 1967, Sister M. Katrina Lamkin, OP, professed vows as a Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois at Sacred Heart Convent. She is a native of Hampshire and calls St. Charles Borromeo her home parish.

Sister M. Katrina earned a master's of non-public education at St. Thomas University and has served in the principal areas of ministry of Catholic education and administration. In the Springfield diocese she was a



Sister M. Katrina

teacher at Christ the King School in Springfield from 1968 to 1976; principal of St. Maurice School in Morrisonville from 1981 to 1983, and a teacher at Little Flower School in Springfield from 1990 to 1993.

Since 2014 she has been assistant principal at Rosary High School in Aurora.

Sister M. Katrina lives in Aurora and had a private celebration with her Dominican sisters in April. On Aug. 6, she will take part in another private celebration at Sacred Heart Convent.

Sister Mary Corde Lenn, OP

50 Years

Springfield native Sister Mary Corde Lenn, OP, professed vows as a Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois on June 19, 1967 at Sacred Heart Convent. Growing up she called St. Patrick her home parish.

Sister Mary Corde has a bachelor's degree in nursing science from St. Louis University and a master's of gerontology from Sangamon State University (now UIS). She has primarily served in health-care and elementary education.



Sister Mary Corde

In the Springfield diocese, she was a primary teacher at Sacred Heart School in Granite City from 1968 to 1972 and at Our Saviour School in Jacksonville from 1972 to 1977. She was parish nurse at St. Agnes Parish in Springfield from 1999 to 2004 and then was director of nursing at Sacred Heart Convent from 2004 to 2010. Since that time she has been wellness co-coordinator at the convent.

"I graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and I had a feeling maybe I was called

to a religious vocation. Not wanting to admit it, I began working at Prudential Insurance Company, but the compulsive hunger never left me," she says. "I decided to return to school — I would go to Springfield Junior College — and began a secretarial position at St. John's Hospital. A Franciscan Sister was my boss, and she took me for a visit to the convent. The 'call' continued so I finally decided it was time to go in and get this wild idea over, so I could get on with my life. Some 50 years later, I thank God for the persistence of that strong inner prompting to religious life. It has led to a life of happiness, peace and satisfaction."

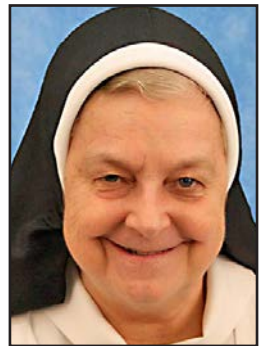
Sister Mary Corde had a private celebration at the convent in April and will have another private celebration with her Dominican sisters on Aug. 6.

Sister M. Joan Sorge, OP

50 Years

Sister M. Joan Sorge, OP, professed vows as a Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois on June 19, 1967 at Sacred Heart Convent. She is a Jacksonville native and grew up at Our Saviour Parish.

Sister Joan has a master's of education from the University of Illinois and her principle areas of ministry have been elementary education and school leadership. In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, she taught primary grades and music at St. John School in Carrollton from 1968 to 1972, and then primary and middle grades and music at St. Francis School in Jerseyville from 1972 to 1977. In 1982 she was named principal of Holy Family School in Decatur and served there until 1989. From 1989 to 2000 she was principal at Little Flower School in Springfield. In 2004 she began her present assignment as principal at St. Agnes School in Springfield.



Sister M. Joan

In April, Sister Joan was honored by a public reception at St. Agnes Parish and also took part in a celebration at the convent. She will have another private celebration with her Dominican sisters in August.

"My two great-aunts, Sister Joan and Sister Annunciata were Dominican Sisters and I used to sit at their feet and loved hearing about their Dominican life when they came home to visit each summer," she remembers. "I also spent extra time with each of my Dominican sister-teachers as I loved being with them and helping after school. I was moved by their happy and joyful spirit."

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HOSPITAL SISTERS of ST. FRANCIS



Sister Mellitene Grunloh, OSF 75 Years

On June 13, 1942 Sister Mellitene Grunloh, OSF, professed vows with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis at St. Francis Convent in Springfield. She was born in Springfield but calls Sacred Heart Parish in Effingham her home parish.

Sister Mellitene is an RN who earned a diploma from St. John's School of Nursing, obtained her bachelor's degree from Quincy University and her master's of nursing from Marquette University. Her principal ministries have been as a local coordinator, in-service director, hospital emergency room volunteer at St. Anthony's Hospital in Effingham and as a nurse and in the medicine room at St. Francis Convent, and a nursing instructor at St. John's School of Nursing.

Sister Mellitene, who now lives a ministry of prayer, will celebrate with invited guests on July 8 at St. Francis Convent.

Sister Augusta Sperl, OSF 75 Years

Sister Augusta Sperl, OSF, professed vows with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis at St. Francis Convent in Springfield on Oct. 4, 1942. She is a Springfield native and was a member of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Springfield.

Sister Augusta earned her nursing diploma from St. John's School of Nursing. At St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur she was a nurse, administrator, director of pastoral care, medical records librarian and a volunteer. At St. Francis Convent she was in province leadership. Additionally she served as a corporate board member at HSHS hospitals.

Sister Augusta now lives a ministry of prayer and will celebrate on July 8 with invited guests at St. Francis Convent.

Sister Pacis Bao, OSF 70 Years

Sister Pacis Bao, OSF, has for many years, lived far away from her birth place of Shan Tung, China. She professed vows with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis on Sept. 24, 1947 at St. Francis Convent in Springfield.



Sister Pacis

She is an RN and graduated from St. John's School of Nursing in Springfield. Her principal areas of ministry have been in the mission field and as a hospital nurse. She was a missionary in Taiwan, and a nurse at St. John's Hospital in Springfield and at St. Francis Convent.

Now living a ministry of prayer, Sister Pacis will celebrate on July 8 at St. Francis Convent with invited guests.

Sister Anne Carlino, OSF 60 Years

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Sister Anne Carlino, OSF, professed vows at St. Francis Convent in Springfield on June 13, 1957.



Sister Anne

She obtained her nursing diploma from St. John's School of Nursing, her bachelor's in nursing from St. Louis University and her master's degree from Sangamon State University (now University of Illinois, Springfield).

Sister Anne has been a hospital nurse supervisor in the emergency room, outpatient orthopedic and diagnostics, general surgical nursing and obstetrics, and the director of cardiovascular surgery and services at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She was healthcare coordinator and healthcare supervisor at St. Francis Convent and community services coordinator for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. She has also been a corporate board member at HSHS hospitals. For many years she has been a missionary nurse in Bukoba, Tanzania, East Africa.

She will celebrate with invited guests at St. Francis Convent in Springfield on July 8.

Sister Mary Lou Durbin, OSF 60 Years

Ramsey native Sister Mary Lou Durbin, OSF, professed vows on June 13, 1957 at

St. Francis Convent. She calls St. Joseph her home parish.

She earned her RN diploma from St. John's School of Nursing, and her bachelor's from Sangamon State University (now University of Illinois, Springfield).

Sister Mary Lou has been a nurse serving in geriatrics, the emergency room, in long-term facility care and as a medical/surgical supervisor. She has also been a home health nurse and a tutor. At St. Francis Convent she was a nurse and health services personal care assistant. She has ministered at St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield; St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland and St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She also served at St. James Parish in Riverton.

She now lives a ministry of prayer and will celebrate with invited guests at St. Francis Convent on July 8.

Sister Jamesine Lamb, OSF 60 Years

A native of Aud, Mo., Sister Jamesine Lamb, OSF, professed vows with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis on Sept. 8, 1957 at St. Francis Convent in Springfield.

She comes from a large family and followed two of her sisters to the Hospital Sisters: Sister Mary Evelyn Lamb, OSF, and the late Sister Jane Marie Lamb, OSF.

She has her RN diploma from St. John's School of Nursing and her bachelor's from St. Louis University.

She has served at a few hospitals

outside the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and has been a nurse supervisor in ICU and pediatrics and has worked with kidney dialysis patients. She also taught a LPN program. At the convent she has been an assistant to the Loretto Home leader, directress of the temporary professed and novice directress and a health office supervisor. She has also been associated with Catholic Charities of Springfield.

Sister Jamesine, who is currently retreat coordinator at St. Francis Convent, plans to celebrate with invited guests on July 8 at St. Francis Convent.

Sister Mary Ann Minor, OSF 60 Years

A Taylorville native who calls St. Mary her home parish, Sister Mary Ann Minor, OSF, professed vows with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis on June 13, 1957 at St. Francis Convent in Springfield.

She has her RN diploma from St. John's School of Nursing, her bachelor's from Loyola University and her master's from DePaul University.

Sister Mary Ann has served at St. Mary's

Hospital in Decatur and St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland where she was a nurse/head nurse, and assistant director/director of nursing service. Her corporate service with Hospital Sisters Health System, Springfield has included being chair of the board of directors, secretary of the board of directors, a board member and vice president of HSHS Illinois Hospitals. She was also provincial superior, provincial counselor at the convent and general superior (Germany).

Now a Samaritan volunteer at HSHS St. John's Hospital, she will celebrate with invited guests on July 8 at St. Francis Convent, where she resides.

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Sister Maureen Fagan, OSF 50 Years

A native of Madison, Wis., Sister Maureen Fagan, OSF, professed vows with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 22, 1967 at St. Francis Convent in Springfield.



Sister Maureen

She has her bachelor's in nursing from Marillac College and her NNP (neonatal nurse practitioner) from Georgetown University.

She served at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur and St. John's Hospital in Springfield, where she was a staff nurse in the neonatal unit, neonatal nurse clinician, nurse and nurse aide. She was a home health nurse/supervisor, and at St. Francis Convent she was pre-novitiate minister. She has also been a corporate board member for HSHS hospitals.

Now a spiritual director in Chicago, she will celebrate on July 8 at St. Francis Convent with invited guests.

Sister Janice Schneider, OSF 25 Years

Olney native Sister Janice Schneider, OSF, professed vows on Aug. 12, 1992 with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis at St. Francis Convent in Springfield. She is the daughter of Joseph H. Schneider and Ethel G. Ochs Schneider.



Sister Janice

Sister Janice has her associate's degree from Olney Central College, a bachelor's from the University of Illinois at Springfield, a master's from Lakeland College and a master's in health care mission from Aquinas Institute of Theology.

She has served in accounting at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland and St. John's Hospital in Springfield. In 2015, she was elected provincial councilor/canonical treasurer for the 2015 to 2019 leadership team and prior to that she served as provincial secretary/treasurer. She also serves as a board member at several HSHS hospitals.

She will celebrate with invited guests at St. Francis Convent on July 8.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS of OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP



Sister Carol Beckermann, OSF 50 Years

Sister Carol Beckermann, OSF, of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, professed first vows on Aug. 12, 1967 at the motherhouse chapel in Ferguson, Mo. She received the habit two



Sister Carol

years before that on May 29, 1965. Born in St. Louis, she is the daughter of Magdalene Beckermann and her father is deceased.

Sister Carol has a bachelor's degree from Marillac College, a master's degree from the University of Missouri and a master's from St. Thomas University. She has ministered in a number of ways, including serving as a teacher, principal, in congregational leadership and in social work. She is presently serving the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois as area director of Effingham Catholic Charities and lives in Teutopolis.

A celebration by invitation only is planned for June 24 at St. Justin the Martyr Church in Sunset Hills, Mo.

URSULINES of the ROMAN UNION, CENTRAL PROVINCE



Sister Celeste Cour, OSU 70 Years

Sister Celeste Cour, OSU, professed vows with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central Province on Jan. 16, 1947 at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo. She is a native of Springfield and has a bachelor's degree from The College of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, N.Y., and a master's in theology



Sister Celeste

from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Sister Celeste served in missions in South America from 1950 to 1958. She taught at Ursuline Academy in Spring-

field from 1959 to 1962. She was also finance agent for the Ursuline community in Springfield from 1959 to 1962 and local assistant from 1963 to 1969. She was bursar at Springfield College from 1963 to 1971. She was the finance agent for the Central Province from 1971 to 1977 and was local prioress for the Ursuline community in New Orleans from 1977 to 1981. She was assistant provincial for the Central Province from 1981 to 1984 and provincial from 1984 to 1990. She then served as local treasurer for several Ursuline communities and as assistant to the provincial treasurer.

She returned to her native Springfield in 2008 and lives a ministry of prayer at Loretto Home.

Sister Lorene Griffin, OSU 60 Years

A native of Pensacola, Fla., Sister Lorene Griffin, OSU, professed vows with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central Province on July 16, 1957 at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo.



Sister Lorene

She has a bachelor's in music from the University of Texas in Dallas; a master's in music from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., a bachelor's in history from The College of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, N.Y., and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

Sister Lorene taught high school in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and Texas for nearly 20 years. She also served in parish ministry and was a family therapist in Dallas. In the Springfield diocese, she taught at St. Teresa High School in Decatur from 1960 to 1963 and served in the diocesan Office of Religious Education from 1973 to 1976. She transferred to the Ursuline Sisters' Western Province in 1991, where she ministered as therapist in Alaska until 2014, when she returned to the Central Province. She now provides community service and is a local councilor for the Ursuline community in Dallas.

Sister Mary Evalyn House, OSU 60 Years

Sister Mary Evalyn House, OSU, professed vows with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central Province on Jan. 16, 1957 at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo. She is a native of Granite City.

She has a bachelor's degree in English from Webster University in St. Louis

and a master's degree in special education from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. She received her LPN from St. John's Hospital in Springfield before earning her bachelor's in nursing from St. Louis University.

Sister Mary Evalyn taught in Springfield at St. Aloysius School from 1963 to 1965 and again from 1967 to 1971. She also taught at Blessed Sacrament School from 1965 to 1967. She taught special education at Corpus Christi

Grade School in Jennings, Mo., and at St. Anthony's Center in St. Louis. She then went on to pursue her education in nursing and was a nurse in Ursuline infirmaries in San Antonio, Texas and Waterville,



Sister Mary Evalyn

Maine, as well as the Ursuline's Queen of Peace Health Care Center in Alton. She was a nurse supervisor at Forum Health Care Center and a teaching assistant at the University of Texas, both in San Antonio, from 1992 to 1999. She held local leadership positions in several Ursuline communities, including Alton and provided community service in Alton from 2007 to 2017.

She now lives a ministry of prayer at St. Clare's Villa in Alton and celebrated her jubilee with community, family and friends in January.

Sister Donna Hyndman, OSU 60 Years

Decatur native Sister Donna Hyndman, OSU, is celebrating 60 years with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central



Sister Donna

Province. She professed vows on Jan. 16, 1957 at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo.

She has a bachelor's degree in English from Webster University in St. Louis as well as a master's degree in special edu-

cation from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

Sister Donna taught at Ursuline academies in St. Louis, New Orleans and Santa Rosa, Calif. She served on the secretarial staff at the Ursuline Generalate in Rome from 1984 to 2008. She also held many local leadership positions. Since returning from Rome in 2008, she has

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ministered in many ways in New Orleans, including assisting at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor and tutoring in an adult education program.

She celebrated her jubilee with community, family and friends in January.

Sister Mary Ursula McGann, OSU 60 Years

Electra, Texas native Sister Mary Ursula McGann, OSU, professed vows with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central Province on Jan 16, 1957 at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo.

She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Our Lady of the Lake College in Baton Rouge, La., as well as a master's degree in theology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.



Sister Mary Ursula

Sister Ursula taught at Ursuline academies in Galveston and San Antonio in Texas and at Villa Maria Academy in Frontenac, Minn. She was bursar of Springfield College in Illinois from 1971 to 1974 and served in the

Office of Religious Education in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois from 1976 to 1978.

She has held numerous positions in local leadership of Ursuline communities, including serving as prioress and treasurer. From 1978 to 1981 she was a councilor of the Central Province leadership team. She now lives a life of volunteer and prayer ministry at St. Agnes Home in St. Louis.

Sister Mary K. Milne, OSU 60 Years

A native of Springfield, Sister Mary K. Milne, OSU, professed vows with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central Province at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo., on Jan. 16, 1957.

Her advanced education includes a bachelor's degree in English from The College of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, N.Y., as well as a master's in Scripture from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Sister Mary K. began her ministry as a teacher at Ss. Peter and Paul School in Alton from 1960 to 1961. She also taught in New Orleans, San Antonio, Texas, and Kirkwood, Mo. She was principal of the Ursuline Academy elementary school in

New Orleans. She served in parish ministry in San Antonio from 1980 to 1992 and was co-director of Villa Maria Retreat and Conference Center in Frontenac, Minn., from 1992 to 2000. She was also the program director of Bible Land Study Tours and Research for St. Mary's University in San Antonio from 1979 to 2009. She studied in Jerusalem



Sister Mary K.

in 2000 and ministered there from 2000 to 2009. In addition to her current inner-city ministry at St. Patrick Center in St. Louis, Sister Mary K. does an annual Christmas project for children in Bethlehem, Palestine.

Sister Marian Pelikan, OSU 60 Years

Hailing from Potosi, Mo., Sister Marian Pelikan, OSU, professed vows with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central Province on Jan. 16, 1957 at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo.

She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Webster University in St. Louis and ministered as an elementary teacher and principal for 40 years. She served in Springfield, Alton, Collinsville and Oak Park in Illinois; and in Kirkwood, Herculaneum, De Soto, Arcadia, Kinloch and Arnold in Missouri. In the Springfield diocese she was teacher and principal at Ss. Peter and Paul in Springfield from 1970 to 1971; teacher and principal at Alton Consolidated School from 1971 to 1974, and a



Sister Marian

teacher at Ss. Peter and Paul School in Collinsville from 1974 to 1975. She has also held several local leadership positions in Ursuline communities. Since 1999, she has been providing pastoral care in Alton.

Sister Marian, who resides at St. Clare's Villa in Alton, celebrated with her community, family and friends in January.

Sister Thomas More Daly, OSU 50 Years

Alton native Sister Thomas More Daly, OSU, is celebrating her golden jubilee. She professed vows with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central Province on Jan. 20, 1967 at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo.

She earned her bachelor's degree in theology from Marillac College in St. Louis, as well as her master's degree in philosophy from St. Louis University, also in St. Louis.

Sister Thomas More taught at Corpus Christi Grade School in Jennings, Mo., and at St. Peter's School and Ursuline Academy in Kirkwood, Mo. She taught at St. Teresa High School in Decatur from 1991 to 1992. She also taught religious education at St. Alphonsus Parish in Brighton from 1994 to 1995. From 1995 to 2014, she taught at Marquette Catholic High School in Alton. She has held many local leadership positions, including serving as treasurer, councilor and prioress of the Frontenac, Minn., Ursuline community. She currently lives in Godfrey and is province archivist for the Ursulines' Central Province.



Sister Thomas More

Sister Thomas More celebrated her jubilee with her community, family and friends in January.

Sister Anne Dorothy Schober, OSU 50 Years

A native of Jamaica, N.Y., Sister Anne Dorothy Schober, OSU, professed vows with the Ursulines of the Roman Union, Central Province on Jan. 20, 1967. Her profession took place at the Ursuline Novitiate in Crystal City, Mo.

She earned her bachelor's degree in history from Marillac College in St. Louis and her master's degree in theology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Among her many teaching assignments, Sister Anne Dorothy taught at St. Aloysius School in Springfield from 1970 to 1976 and again from 1982 to 1986. She taught at Ss. Peter and Paul School in Collinsville from 1979 to 1980 and at St. Ambrose School in Godfrey from 1986 to 1991. She also served



Sister Anne Dorothy

as local councilor for the Ursuline communities in Springfield and Alton.

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Sister Suzanne Sims, OSU 50 Years

Sister Suzanne Sims, OSU, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph (Maple Mount, Ky.) who was president of Springfield College in Illinois from 1997-2000, is celebrating 50 years as an Ursuline Sister.

A native of Owensboro, Ky., she's had a varied career, including as a professor at Brescia College, Owensboro, a twice-elected member of the Ursuline Council and director of Mission Advancement for the Ursuline Sisters. Since January 2017, she has served as director of faith formation at St. Pius X




Sister Suzanne


Church in Owensboro.

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Sister Jolise May, PHJC 60 Years

Chicago native Sister Jolise May, PHJC, is celebrating 60 years since she took first vows with the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ on July 16, 1957.

She has her bachelor's in English from Alverno College in Milwaukee; her master's in English/history from Purdue Calumet in Hammond, Ind., and took coursework toward a doctorate at Loyola University. Her ministries have included education, administration and leadership.

In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, Sister Jolise served at St. John School



Sister Jolise

in Quincy. She has also served in Chicago; Fort Wayne-South Bend; Coatzacoalcos, Mexico; and in Limburg, Germany. She is currently director of mission integration at Ancilla College and lives

at Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson, Ind.

She plans an individual celebration on May 13 and a community celebration on July 8, both in Donaldson.

Sister Deanne Blume, PHJC 50 Years

A native of South Bend, Ind., Sister Deanne Blume, PHJC, is celebrating 50 years since she took first vows with the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ on Aug. 6, 1967.

Sister Deanne has an associate's degree in education from Ancilla College in Donaldson, Ind.; a bachelor's in education from Alverno College in Milwaukee; an M.Ed./PDT in education from Cardinal Stritch in Milwaukee; and a paralegal certificate from Indiana University in South Bend. She also completed computer courses at Olive Harvey in Chicago.

She has served in education, health care, administration, leadership and senior care. In the Springfield diocese she served at St. John School in Quincy. She has also served in schools in Gary, Ind., Chicago

and Belleville. She served in health care in Indiana and is currently coordinator of sister residents at Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson, Ind.

Sister Deanne plans an individual celebration on May 13 and a community celebration on July 8, both in Donaldson.

Sister Kathleen Kelley, PHJC 50 Years

Sister Kathleen Kelley, PHJC, was born in Acushnet, Mass. She is celebrating 50 years since she took first vows with the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ on Aug. 6, 1967.

She has an associate's degree from Ancilla College in Donaldson, Ind.; a bachelor's degree in home economics/human development from Mundelein College in Chicago; and a cosmetology license from Vogue School of Cosmetology in Mishawaka, Ind.

She has served in health care, child care, education, senior care and cosmetology. In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois she ministered at St. John School in Quincy. She also worked in orphanages, schools, hospitals, and in senior care in various places, including in Chicago, Belleville, Gary, Ind., and in Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind. She is currently a community volunteer and lives at Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson.

Sister Kathleen plans an individual celebration on May 13 and a community celebration on July 8, both in Donaldson.



Sister Kathleen

SCHOOL SISTERS of NOTRE DAME



Sister Mary Bede Hurst, SSND 75 Years

Sister Mary Bede Hurst, SSND, is celebrating 75 years with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She professed vows on July 31, 1942.

She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Quincy College in 1950. In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois she ministered at St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy from 1942 to 1951 and at St. Francis of Assisi School in Teutopolis from 1970 to 1971. She also was a teacher in Missouri and California, and was a teacher and an aide at Notre Dame Preschool in St. Louis.

Currently Sister Mary Bede lives a ministry of prayer and presence at Anna House in Bridgeton, Mo. Private celebra-

tions are planned at Anna House and at Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Theresa Duerfahrd, SSND 70 Years

Seventy years ago on July 30, 1947, Sister Theresa Duerfahrd, SSND, professed vows with the School Sisters of Notre Dame at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

Sister Theresa earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Notre Dame College in St. Louis. From 1947 to 1953 she taught at St. Mary School in Alton and then from 1983 to 1984 at St. Louis in Nokomis. She also taught in Louisiana, Iowa, Missouri and California. In St. Louis she was also a seamstress of liturgical fabrics arts, a tutor and a driver.

She now lives a ministry of prayer and presence at Veronica House in Bridgeton, Mo., and will take part in private celebrations there and at Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Charlotte Gaughan, SSND 70 Years

Sister Charlotte Gaughan, SSND, formerly known as Sister Carol Therese, professed vows with the School Sisters of Notre Dame 70 years ago on July 30, 1947 at the motherhouse in St. Louis. She was born in Pana and lists her home parish as St. Anthony of Padua in Effingham.

She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1958. She then earned her master's in education from Xavier University in New Orleans in 1964. In the Springfield diocese she was a teacher at Sacred Heart School in Effingham from 1970 to 1971. From 1985 to 1998 she ministered in food service at the Oblate novitiate in Godfrey. She was also a teacher in Louisiana, Iowa, Missouri and Mississippi.

Sister Charlotte now lives a ministry of prayer and presence at Anna House in Bridgeton, Mo., and will take part in private celebrations there and at Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Regina Marie Grohman, SSND 70 Years

It was on July 30, 1947 in the motherhouse in St. Louis, that Sister Regina Marie Grohman, SSND, professed vows with the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Sister Regina Marie earned her bachelor's degree in education from Immaculate Heart in Los Angeles in 1953. In 1962, she earned a master's in education from St. Louis University in St. Louis. She spent one year (1965 to 1966) teaching in the Springfield diocese at St. Anthony School in Effingham. She also taught in

Missouri, California and Texas. Additionally, she was a missionary in Honduras, serving as a school treasurer.

She now lives a ministry of prayer and presence at Anna House in Bridgeton, Mo., and will take part in private celebrations there as well as at Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Mary Ann Huelsing, SSND 70 Years

Sister Mary Ann Huelsing, SSND, formerly known as Sister Paul Francis, took vows with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on July 30, 1947 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

She completed her bachelor's degree in education from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1957 and her master's in education from Western Illinois University in Macomb in 1979. In the Springfield diocese she taught at St. Boniface School in Quincy from 1955 to 1958; St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy from 1973 to 1978; and at St. Anthony School in Effingham from 1978 to 1979. She was also a teacher and administrator in Missouri.

She was a special education teacher as a missionary in Japan. In St. Louis she was administrator of Cardinal Ritter Institute; on the secretarial staff at Maria Center; registrar at Cardinal Ritter Prep School; ministered to families at Ronald McDonald House; and was coordinator of hospitality at the Caroline Conference Retreat Center at the motherhouse.

Sister Mary Ann is living a ministry of prayer and presence at Veronica House in Bridgeton. She will celebrate there and at Theresa Center in St. Louis during upcoming private celebrations.

Sister Sharon Aalbers, SSND 60 Years

Quincy native Sister Sharon Aalbers, SSND, formerly known as Sister Mary Andrene, professed vows with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on Aug. 3, 1957 in St. Louis at the motherhouse. She calls St. Boniface her home parish.

She earned a bachelor's degree in music theory from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1959 and a master's in music theory from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville in 1974. In the Springfield diocese she taught from 1973 to 1975 at St. Anthony School in Effingham and then from 1975 to 1978 at St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy. She also taught in Texas, Iowa, California and Missouri. Additionally she was agency relations manager for Second Harvest Food Bank in Watsonville, Calif., and a receptionist at St. James in Glendale, Ariz.

Sister Sharon now lives in Phoenix, Ariz., where she volunteers at Life Choices Women's Clinics and takes part

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in the ministry of prayer and presence. She will celebrate at St. Theresa Center in St. Louis in a private celebration this August.

Sister Barbara Habing, SSND 60 Years

Born in Effingham, Sister Barbara Habing, SSND, calls St. Anthony her home parish. She is celebrating 60 years with the School Sisters of Notre Dame and professed vows Aug. 3, 1957 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

She earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1964 and her master's in elementary administration from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville in 1973. In the Springfield diocese, Sister Barbara served at St. Louis School in Nokomis from 2008 to 2012. She also taught and was an elementary school administrator in Missouri and Illinois. She now volunteers in various places and serves a ministry of prayer and presence in St. Louis.

She will take part in a private celebration this August at St. Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Patricia Delaney, SSND 60 Years

Sister Patricia Delaney, SSND, is celebrating 60 years with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She professed vows Aug. 3, 1957 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

She earned a bachelor's in sociology from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1963 and a master's in elementary administration from St. Louis University in St. Louis in 1974. From 1968 to 1973 she served in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois at St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy. She also was a teacher/administrator in Missouri and Illinois. She was also education consultant and supervisor of schools for the Belleville diocese, provincial councilor for the St. Louis Province, and adjunct consultant for Catholic school management in Los Angeles.

Sister Patricia lives in Shiloh where she volunteers and lives a life of prayer and presence. She has plans to take part in a private celebration at St. Theresa Center in St. Louis this August.

Sister Patricia Dooley, SSND 60 Years

Sister Patricia Dooley, SSND, formerly known as Sister Brigid Maureen, professed vows with the School Sisters of

Notre Dame at the motherhouse in St. Louis on Aug. 3, 1957.

She has a bachelor's degree in history from Notre Dame College in St. Louis, which she earned in 1960. She went on to earn a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1975. A teacher in Missouri and Illinois, she taught at St. Louis School in Nokomis from 1969 to 1970 and at St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy from 1974 to 1978. She was also a director of religious education in Illinois; a guidance counselor at Family Shelter Service in Naperville; a pastoral care and hospital chaplain in both Missouri and Illinois; and a teacher for the Immigrant/Refugee Women's Program in St. Louis.

Sister Patricia lives in St. Louis where she volunteers and lives a ministry of prayer and presence. She will take part in a private celebration in St. Louis at Theresa Center in August.

Sister Barbara Geers, SSND 60 Years

Sister Barbara Geers, SSND, was formerly known as Sister Marie Rosaire and has been a School Sister of Notre Dame for 60 years. She professed vows on Aug. 3, 1957 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

She earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1962. Over 30 years later, in 1994, she earned her master's degree in pastoral studies at Loyola University of Chicago. She was a teacher in Missouri, Illinois, California and Florida. In the Springfield diocese, she taught at St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy in 1971. She returned to the diocese in 1989 where she ministered at St. Gertrude in Grantfork, St. James in St. Jacob, and St. Elizabeth in Marine until 1996. She also ministered to the elderly in Missouri.

Sister Barbara now lives in St. Louis where she is a volunteer. She plans to take part in a private celebration at Theresa Center in St. Louis during August.

Sister Ann Koch, SSND 60 Years

Born in Highland and calling St. Paul Parish her home parish, Sister Ann Koch, SSND, professed vows with the School Sisters of Notre Dame at the motherhouse in St. Louis on Aug. 3, 1957. She was formerly known as Sister Janelle.

Sister Ann earned her bachelor's degree in music theory from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1962. In 1973, she earned her master's in elementary administration from St. Louis University in St. Louis. She taught in Illinois, Alabama and Missouri. Her other ministries in Missouri included elementary administration, acting as a director of religious education and serving on the secretarial staff as an administrative assistant.

Sister Ann now resides in St. Louis

where she volunteers in various places and lives a life of prayer and presence. She will take part in a private celebration at St. Theresa Center in St. Louis on Aug. 6.

Sister Geraldine Neier, SSND 60 Years

Sister Geraldine Neier, SSND, a native of Highland who calls St. Paul her home parish, is celebrating 60 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame. She professed vows on Aug. 3, 1967 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

Sister Geraldine earned a bachelor's in biology from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1960. She earned a master's in earth science from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in 1972 and another master's — this time in theology — from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1989.

From 1965 to 1973, Sister Geraldine taught at St. Paul High School in Highland. She also taught in Missouri, Arkansas and Iowa and was an elementary/secondary administrator in Iowa and Missouri. She was a provincial councilor for the St. Louis Province and a director of religious education in Illinois. She was also a missionary in Kabala, Sierra Leone, West Africa, ministering as a teacher.

Sister Geraldine lives in St. Louis and ministers in the criminal justice ministry as entry essential assistant. She had a private celebration on May 7 and plans another private celebration at St. Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Christine Spour, SSND 60 Years

A native of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, Sister Christine Spour, SSND, calls St. Anthony in Effingham her home parish. Formerly known as Sister Mary

Redempta, she professed vows on Aug. 3, 1957 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

Sister Christine earned her bachelor's in biology from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1961 and went on to earn her master's in elementary education from St. Louis University in 1974. She taught in Missouri and was an elementary administrator in Illinois and Missouri. She moved to Sierra Leone and The Gambia in East Africa to become a missionary, where she served as a teacher, head mistress and in leadership.

She currently is a volunteer in the development office for the province of Africa and lives a ministry of prayer and presence. She had a private celebration on May 7 and plans another private celebration at St. Theresa Center in St. Louis in August.

Sister Miriam Catherine Wesselmann, SSND 60 Years

Sister Miriam Catherine Wesselmann, SSND, a School Sister of Notre Dame for 60 years, was born in Pierron and calls Immaculate Conception her home parish. She professed vows at the motherhouse in St. Louis on Aug. 3, 1957.

She has a bachelor's degree in history from Notre Dame College in St. Louis earned in 1961; a master's in history from St. Louis University earned in 1971; a master's in educational counseling/guidance from the University of Missouri, St. Louis earned in 1977; and finally a master's in spirituality from Holy Name College in Oakland, Calif., earned in 1989.

A teacher in Illinois and Missouri, Sister Miriam Catherine taught at Quincy Notre Dame High School from 1965 to 1969. She was also a secondary administrator, campus minister, guidance counselor, spiritual director and executive

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director of Bridges Foundation, all in Missouri. In addition, she was also a guidance counselor and teacher in Talofofo, Guam.

Currently, she lives in St. Louis, where she ministers in spiritual direction and lives a life of prayer and presence. She will take part in a private celebration at St. Theresa Center in St. Louis on Aug. 6.

Sister John LaLande Baricevic, SSND

50 Years

Sister John LaLande Baricevic, SSND, is celebrating her golden jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame. She professed vows on July 29, 1967 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

She has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Notre Dame College in St. Louis, earned in 1969 and a master's in computers earned in 1989 at the University of Illinois, Champaign. She was a teacher in Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska. In the Springfield diocese she taught from 1973 to 1974 at St. Paul High School in Highland. She was also technology coordinator for St. Peter Cathedral in Belleville, a computer support technician for the SSNDs of St. Louis Province and in IT educational services in St. Louis.

Sister John LaLande presently lives in Belleville, where she provides volunteer technical support to the SSND membership. She will take part in a private celebration on Aug. 6 at Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Diane Marie Buckman, SSND

50 Years

Celebrating her golden jubilee this year is Sister Diane Marie Buckman, SSND. Formerly known as Sister Marie Quentin, she professed vows on July 29, 1967 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

Sister Diane Marie earned her bachelor's degree in American studies in 1969 from Notre Dame College in St. Louis and went on to earn her master's in education from St. Francis University in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1983.

She ministered for a number of years in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, serving from 1970 to 1972 at St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy; from 1972 to 1976 at St. Paul School in Highland; and from 1984 to 1986 at St. Mary School in Alton. She also taught in Missouri and California. Later she was coordinator for television, radio, media at Wordnet Communications in San Bernardino, Calif., and a video producer/director for Cor Productions, Charter Cable, SSND Productions in St. Louis.

Currently, Sister Diane Marie lives in St. Louis and is a video production specialist. She had a private celebration on May 7 and will participate in another private celebration at Theresa Center in August.

Sister Linda Kremer, SSND

50 Years

Sister Linda Kremer, SSND, formerly known as Sister Stephanie Marie, is celebrating her golden jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame. She professed vows on July 29, 1967 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

Sister Linda has a bachelor's degree in American studies earned in 1969 from Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1983 she earned a master's degree in education/counseling, guidance from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

A teacher/administrator in Missouri and Illinois, she spent five years in the Springfield diocese, teaching at St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy from 1972 to 1977. She was a guidance counselor in Missouri and took part in social work and case work at Evergreen Hills Homes for Girls in Dittmer, Mo. She ministered to unwed mothers at Almost Home in St. Louis. She was also a director of religious education in Cumberland, RI.

Sister Linda currently resides in St. Louis and is a community leader at Theresa Center. She participated in a May 7 private celebration and will participate in another private celebration at Theresa Center on Aug. 6.

Sister Urban Maureen Molitor, SSND

50 Years

Celebrating her golden jubilee with the School Sisters of Notre Dame is Sister Urban Maureen Molitor, SSND. She professed vows at the SSND motherhouse in St. Louis on July 29, 1967.

Sister Urban Maureen earned a bachelor's in American studies from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1969. Ten years later, in 1979, she earned a master's in education, mathematics from the University of Illinois, Champaign.

She was a teacher and administrator in Illinois, Missouri and California. From 1984 to 1986 she served at St. Francis Solanus School in Quincy. She was also a tutor in Missouri and taught special needs students in St. Louis. She is currently a substitute teacher who lives in St. Louis.

Sister Urban Maureen plans to take part in a private celebration scheduled for Aug. 6 at Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Kathy Schmittgens, SSND

50 Years

Sister Kathy Schmittgens, SSND, professed vows 50 years ago with the School

Sisters of Notre Dame on July 29, 1967 at the St. Louis motherhouse. She was formerly called Sister Colin Marie.

She earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1969. In 1978 she went on to earn her master's degree in physical science from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

Sister Kathy spent two years, from 1971 to 1973, teaching at Quincy Notre Dame High School and she also taught in Missouri. She was a missionary teaching secondary education in Sierra Leone, West Africa; associate director of the Office for the Missions in San Diego; and provincial counselor for the St. Louis Province. She was also development director for the Province of Africa.

Now residing in Rome, Sister Kathy is the Shalom International coordinator. She is set to celebrate at a private celebration on Aug. 6 at Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Marie Danielle Witt, SSND

50 Years

Celebrating her golden jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame is Sister Marie Danielle Witt, SSND. She professed vows on July 29, 1967 at the St. Louis motherhouse.

Sister Marie Danielle earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1969. A number of years later, in 1982, she earned a master's in theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

She taught at St. Paul High School in

Highland from 1979 to 1980 and also was a teacher and coordinator of religious education in Missouri. She ministered as a missionary in Honduras, as a teacher, director of initial formation and pastoral associate. In New Haven, Ky., she was administrator of Bethany Springs Retreat Center. She was also a novice director in St. Louis.

Presently, Sister Marie Danielle is assistant director of the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers, Calif., and is expected to celebrate her jubilee on Aug. 6 at a private celebration at Theresa Center in St. Louis.

Sister Paulette Zimmerman, SSND

50 Years

Sister Paulette Zimmerman, SSND, was born in Highland and calls St. Paul her home parish. She is celebrating her golden jubilee with the School Sisters of Notre Dame and professed vows on July 29, 1967 at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

She has a bachelor's degree in English earned in 1969 from Notre Dame College in St. Louis as well as a master's in English, earned in 1977 from St. Louis University.

Sister Paulette was a teacher in Missouri and in Illinois. She was also co-administrator of the SSND motherhouse in Wilton, Conn. Additionally, she was Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation coordinator in Missouri. Now living in St. Louis, she is ministering in an English tutoring project.

She plans to take part in a private celebration at St. Theresa Center in St. Louis in August.



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