



# Peace & All Good

Sisters of St. Joseph  
of the Third Order of St. Francis

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On the pages of this special issue of Peace & All Good, you will find the memories and stories of this year's Jubilarians. Thank you to all the Sisters who wrote these delightful biographies about their years in the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis.

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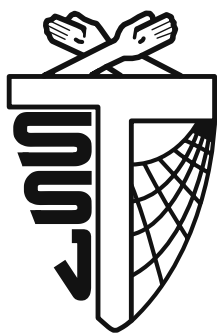
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## Mission Statement

*Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis*



Dedication to Jesus Christ involves us intimately with His liberating and reconciling mission — to make God more deeply known and loved, and in so doing, draw all persons to fuller and freer life.

Together with all our Sisters and Brothers who strive for a more just world, we undertake those activities which will promote the material and spiritual development of the human family.

(The Constitutions, articles 30 & 37)

## *From the Central Board*

*Beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (Phil. 4:8-9)*

Welcome to our Jubilee issue of Peace and All Good.

Life as a Sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis is a journey that begins with a faithful first step that changes your life forever. On this journey you discover that wherever you serve, is where you are meant to be. On this journey you find hidden talents and face new challenges. This is a journey of joyful service. This journey gives you unexpected opportunities to do things you have never done before. It is a journey of knowing God's love and then bringing that love to others.

These are the words our Sister Jubilarians have used to describe their vocation, and we celebrate that journey with them in this issue of Peace and All Good. In the following pages you will read about ten amazing women who entered our community between the years of 1937 and 1971. The story of their lives clearly reflects our mission, "to make God more deeply known and loved." As you read each Sister's story, consider the many lives they touched, the effect they had in the local areas where they served, and the difference they made being present among God's people. Just as these ten Sisters' lives were changed forever, may these inspirational stories change your life forever too.

*Sisters Marge, Judith, Michelle, Barb*



**“May God bring to completion with joy  
what we have begun with God’s grace.”**

*~ Cf. ScEx 66*



*Rita Pacheco*

# Sister Lucentia Klonecki

~ 85 years ~



Sister Lucentia Klonecki celebrated her 101st birthday on Oct. 16. This spring she celebrates 85 years with the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. Through the years, she has often expressed her gratitude for all the experiences God has given her, and for all the people He has brought into her life.

She began life as Veronica Klonecki in Arcadia, WI in 1918, and came to the SSJ-TOSF Community after eighth grade in 1933. Over the years, she has had several occasions to share reflections on her journey in religious life and the overriding theme has been that this has been “a wonderful life.” Here is a brief overview of the life and times of Sister Lucentia:

In the depths of the Great Depression, she heard God’s call and entered the community. She was invested in 1935 and began an illustrious career in education. “I had so many challenging and interesting experiences as I progressed from teaching grade two to grade eight,” she has said. “I dedicated my life to being a good teacher, forming both spiritual and scholastic experiences to make the students better Christians and respectful citizens, prepared for furthering their education for a wholesome life.”

After 25 years in Wisconsin schools, she became the diocesan school consultant for the Diocese of La Crosse, working directly with the teachers in the diocese, visiting classrooms, consulting, encouraging and sharing ideas.

“After 11 years,” she said in a recorded autobiography, “I felt I had given my best in the diocese in that capacity ... and requested a sabbatical.” Instead, she was told to find a job. She decided being a receptionist would suit her for the time being. She landed in the medical records office of the Skemp-Grandview Clinic in La Crosse, where she worked for four years until a position at the reception desk opened up.

“It was here that I decided to pursue ministry to the elderly and shut-ins in a parish after I observed how the elderly were treated in the reception area,” she said.

After a yearlong sabbatical in Puerto Rico and Stevens Point she worked at Divine Infant Hospital in Michigan for a year. Next, she turned to pastoral ministry at St. Patrick Parish in Janesville, WI, in 1978, focusing on ministry to the homebound and elderly, among other parish duties.

“What a great, rewarding and satisfying life this is for me. ... I am completely dedicated and moved to serve ‘my people’ with joy. I consider all of them part of my family,” she said. At age 90, she retired to Stevens Point, where she continues to share her gratitude and love of life with everyone she meets.

And, in turn, the Sisters and Associates express their gratitude and congratulations to Sister Lucentia for sharing 85 years with the SSJ-TOSF community.

-- By Associate Jean Peerenboom

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**“Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.”**

~ Psalm 55:22

# Sister Angelette Gladysz

~ 80 years ~



God has blessed Sister Angelette with many callings in her life. She accepted all of them with grace and love, as obedience to God is an essential element to her life-long relationship with Him and everyone who knows her. When one looks into her eyes, one knows they are in the presence of an angel.

Angelette entered the Sisters of St Joseph, Third Order of St Francis at the age of 14, and even at such an early age, knew she was called to be a teacher. That calling was fulfilled many times, as she spent the next 54 years dedicated to her love of education and the children in her care. She taught at various locations in Ohio, Connecticut and her home state of Michigan, ending up at St. Mary School in Kalamazoo right next door to the home of her youth in Paw Paw. While on assignment in Lincoln Park, MI, at Christ the Good Shepherd School, she would do a full day of work at the school and then teach at another school for children with learning disabilities. Her life was full of joy and satisfaction, and she was awarded the title, "Master Teacher in Work with Learning Disabilities."

Upon retiring from teaching, she entered another ministry when she moved to a senior living apartment called Dillon Hall on the campus and Mother Home of the Sisters affiliated with the Congregation of St. Joseph. Here, she became very popular and was given the title of "Official Welcoming Party" to all new residents by bringing them a plate of her delicious home-baked cookies. When the Sisters at the convent became aware of her, they soon took her into their fold and invited her to assist with some of the ministerial responsibilities. She ministered the sacraments during Mass and took care of the altar. It was here she met Sandra Jones, who became an important part of her life, and to this day considers herself Sister Angelette's advocate. Sandra had recently moved her mother, Elinore, from New York to Kalamazoo to care for her in her home, as she had suffered a massive stroke.

**"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."**

— 1 John 4:11-12

Sandra was looking for someone to bring Communion to her mother on a regular basis and was introduced to Sister Angelette. The friendship and bond between the three women became permanent! Elinore lived two more years and passed in June 1999 with Sister by her side as she drew her last breath. Sister Angelette is fond of telling the story that Elinore always assured her that "Sandra will never forget you and she will always be good to you!"

Sandra took care of Sister Angelette and in 2010

brought her home to Marymount where Sister continued her ministry of good will to the folks living with her at Marymount Place. Sandra would visit often and bring her therapy dogs with her. She was allowed to "bunk in" with Sister Angelette in her apartment. They would make the rounds at Clare Hall, Marymount Place and even the convent for love and kisses from Happy and Keeper. Word spread

quickly when Sandra arrived with the dogs as everyone wanted a visit. Sandra was also with her when she moved to the Memory Care Unit. Even now Sister Angelette continues to attend Mass regularly and keep up with her visits as she patrols the halls to get her exercise. Sandra still comes with her dogs to stay in Sister Angelette's room and visit the other residents. Sandra's most thoughtful gift was a beautiful print of the Blessed Mother and a plaque dedicated to Sister Angelette for her faithful service as an educator and member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis. This print is displayed in the Holy Grounds Coffee Shop located in Marymount Congregational Home.

-- Contributed by Sister Angelette's dear friend,  
Sandra Jones

# Sister Edith Gorski

~ 70 years ~



In a recent interview, Sister Edith Gorski confided to me that she was an answer to her mother's prayers. Her mother had prayed for a vocation to the priesthood and/or sisterhood from their family for many years. In 1952, her middle daughter, Theresa, entered the Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis. She received a new name, Sister Edith, signifying a new way of life and joyfully was an answer to her mother's prayers.

Sister Edith said she knew from an early age that she wanted to be a sister and it has been a life full of joy, hard work and "most of all, fulfillment." She describes her life as an SSJ-TOSF as "GREAT!" and you can hear the capital letters in her voice in that jubilant exclamation. Sister's journeys took her to many places across the country for conferences and meetings related to her various professions and ministries. Over the years, Sister Edith has been a teacher, principal, summertime directress of postulants, novices and young professed at St. Joseph Motherhouse in Stevens Point. She also assumed roles as coordinator at the Motherhouse, provincial administration member, vicar for religious, associate director of family ministry, director of marriage preparation, director of a diocesan spiritual renewal program and an English-speaking tutor. Even in retirement, she continued to walk with people on their journeys while in Madison, WI, reaching out to people and helping to meet their various needs. In 2019, she relocated to Garfield Heights, OH, to be with other retired Sisters and continues a ministry of prayer.

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She is grateful for her life as a religious. Her spirituality plays a very important role in her life as demonstrated in some of her professional ministries and in her writings through the years. Sister Edith once wrote: "I define spirituality as the strength of my being. I cannot physically touch it, but I know it is within me because of my humble and sacred connection with the Holy Spirit." Sister is grateful for that connection and for her family, friends and members throughout the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. She joyfully continues to let the Holy Spirit guide her through the golden years of her life.

-- Written by Jean Peerenboom



**"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."**

~ Psalm 40:4



# Sister Mary Stephen Grzelinski

~ 70 years ~



Celebrating 70 years as a Sister of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis is a blessing for which Sister Stephen is most grateful. She has lived a full life filled with God's rich blessings.

Being the youngest in a family of 10, you can believe her brothers and sisters had a tremendous influence in her life. As they took care of her, they taught her and introduced her to many things. Sister Stephen explained that she was thankful to Mary, the Mother of God, who guided her to choose religious life as her vocation. Being that she went to Lourdes High School, she became acquainted with the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF and decided she wanted to be a Franciscan. In her chosen vocation, God provided her with many skills and talents with which she could serve others. Sister was a homemaker, elementary school teacher, catechist, chauffer and upholsterer.

Little did she imagine what God had planned for her in these ministries, each different but each one enjoyed as she met the challenges along the way. Being a homemaker, Sister Stephen used her creativity in preparing meals for the Sisters. As a teacher she was happy teaching, especially remedial reading. Her greatest joy and reward in being a catechist was that she had the privilege of preparing students to receive the sacraments. Later, she embraced the responsibility of driving Sisters to appointments, and shopping for those not able to do so for themselves anymore.

Little did Sister Stephen suspect or imagine her next and final ministry. She decided to attend Washburn Trade School to become an upholsterer. This opened a new and rewarding experience for her. Sister opened a shop called ReStore at Lourdes Convent. She was able to re-create the beauty of furniture. She reupholstered chairs for the dining room in Immaculata Convent. Soon she began doing

couches and all different types of chairs. Sister was always very busy and the work was hard. The final transformation of her handiwork brought joy to her customers and satisfaction to her. Sister joyfully used her God-given gifts to make others happy with something to be cherished and enjoyed for years to come. For all of this she has been blessed and most grateful for being able to accomplish.

During this time Sister Stephen had the privilege of living with her cousin, Judith Bulat, who became an

Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF. Wonderful memories and happy times come to mind remembering their time together. Four years ago she entered a new phase in her religious life. God has called her to rest. Due to several health problems, Sister retired from her ministries to become a resident in Assisted Living and now in Skilled Care. She counts each day she is given as a blessing. Sister is

at peace and knows God is gracing her to meet this new challenge. Sister Stephen is now living in Chicago with the Felicians at Our Lady of Angels Health Care Convent. Moving in with them was something of a homecoming because they taught her at St. Turibius Elementary School. Sister Stephen did some upholstery for them as well.

We never know what God has planned for us but Sister Stephen knows that she was set apart to live a good life with many blessings, memories and wonderful experiences.

--Sister Barbara Koza, SSJ-TOSF





**"In Him our hearts rejoice."**

*~ Psalm 33:21*

# Sister Alexanne Osinski

~ 60 years ~



I reflect on 60 years of commitment to religious life, and I am reminded that my life did not begin when I came to the congregation. When I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis on Aug. 11, 1959 at 18 years old, my life already had been sketched out and was ready to be colored in, highlighted and shadowed by new experiences. My parents, Alex and Anne, had taught me to be a caregiver to my brother and sisters, to be a responsible member of church and neighborhood communities and to value opportunities for learning.

I entered religious life on the cusp of major changes in convent lifestyle, Catholic theology, societal standards. What has helped me through storms of change has been the driving force to learn more, to be with my brothers and sisters who need a companion – or who need help through life’s transitions.

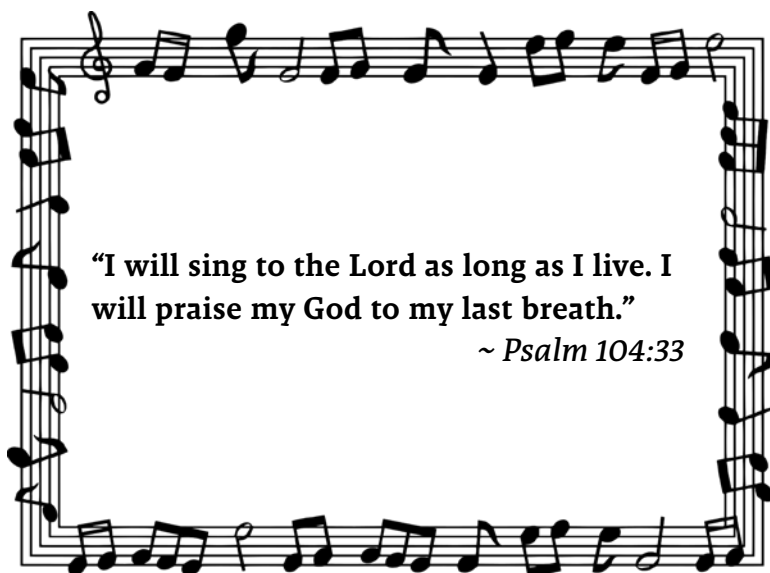
I have been honored to learn from J. who was deaf, mute and institutionalized for all his 55 years; from children who would not live past their 5th birthdays, were deaf and blind and unable to explore the world – who only know the world by the way they were touched and “handled”; I was moved by B, a teen-aged young man from China in detention in Chicago, who could only speak Mandarin, but needed to connect with me – so he recited the Hail Mary in Latin.

I am grateful for many opportunities to be formed by those whom I have companioned and those who have companioned me – students in my classes, patients on

my occupational therapy schedules and on my treatment table, fellow and sister administrators and teachers, clients and families in hospice and care facilities, activists working for social and immigration reform, and especially my “Sisters” – those who have passed on and those who drop in for a chat. Retirement has freed me from the burden of the “professional role.” I am a companion on life’s journey. God is good. Life is good. What’s next?

--Sister Alexanne Osinski, SSI-TOSF

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# Sister Betty Gulick

Sister John Ann

~ 60 years ~



As I reflect on my life as a Sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis for 60 years, I am amazed and humbled at what the Lord has done for me and all the people and opportunities He has given me. I was guided by the words of our mission statement: "Dedication to Jesus Christ involves us, Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis, intimately with His liberating and reconciling mission — to make God more deeply known and loved and in so doing draw all persons to fuller and freer life."

I am grateful for my parents who blessed me with their example. I was raised in a family that believed in Jesus. I saw my Mom, who prayed each morning for so many people and situations. I would come downstairs and see her sitting there with the prayer book on her lap. My Dad carried a rosary in his pocket. They cared for our neighbors by calling them and taking them where they needed to go. From my earliest days, I knew I wanted to be a nursing nun caring for the elderly. When I was assigned to go to college to be a medical technologist, I felt at least I would be caring for the sick in a hospital setting. As the years went on, I felt the call to minister more directly with people and was allowed to change careers and become

a pastoral minister. Then I was asked to become a chaplain at our hospital, where I could work directly with the sick. God has been

so good to me and blessed me with great staffs to work with in parish ministry, working with our Sisters while I was involved with the formation of our young Sisters, and then working with dedicated medical personnel and pastoral staffs at the hospital.

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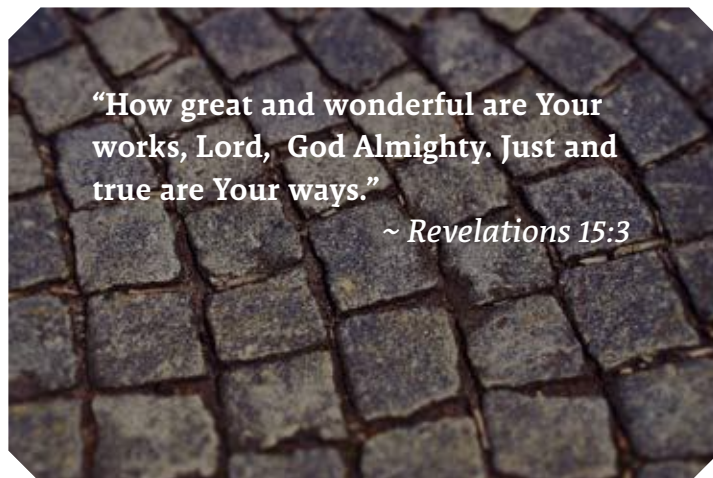
I have learned so much from each of the people I have been with. It was great working with teams of people who wanted to serve the people and bring the love of God to each person. I was touched by each person who shared their fears, hopes and dreams with me, and those I was able to encourage on their own faith journeys. The friends whom the Lord placed in my life, from the Sisters I lived with and the individuals I worked with, have all touched my life and made me a better person.

I was given a prayer I say each day: "Waking up this morning, I smile. Twenty-four brand new hours before me. I vow to live fully each moment. I vow to look upon all beings with eyes of great compassion. I vow to touch all living things with great love. I vow to do your holy will. Amen." For these 60 years, I am most grateful.

--Sister Betty Gulick, SSJ-TOSF

**"How great and wonderful are Your works, Lord, God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways."**

~ Revelations 15:3



## Sister Henrietta “Junie” (Marida) Gesinski

~ 60 years ~



I've chosen to focus on the past 10 years of my life – the time since my 50th Jubilee (2010-2020). My most special and, I think, influential memories are of experiences of being loved (by God and people), and trying my best to love in response. This past year has been difficult for me, both in the SSJ-TOSF congregation and with family issues and crises. However, when I remember that I am loved and spend my energies trying to love also, I feel peace and gratitude.

Since I moved to Milwaukee in 2015, it seems that my “community” has grown, or perhaps it is that my awareness has grown. Of course, I value my membership as an SSJ-TOSF Sister. Local community with Sisters Linda Szocik and Charlene Trombley just seems to flow so naturally and genuinely, while being gently challenging. The four women who have joined us in discussion of the books, *Living Stones* and now *Eager to Love* have indeed become part of our expanded Local Community.

It has been very gratifying to be able to renew my friendships with the OSFs (Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi) here in Milwaukee, where I worked for almost 10 years (1990-1999). I used to refer to them as “second community.” That no longer seems appropriate. I now consider them part of my community, as I consider my family and friends, co-residents of our apartment building, students and catechists in the Special Religious Education program to which I belong and minister.

Then, last mentioned – but definitely not least – especially the littlest ones in my life. That leads me to speak of my ministry. The babies and young children now in my life here are God's surprise for me! When I dreamt about what life here in the Milwaukee area might look like, I did envision school-age children, but I didn't foresee the opportunity of caring for, loving and being loved by tiny babies and toddlers, which has always been an unspoken dream of my heart. God knew my secret better than I!

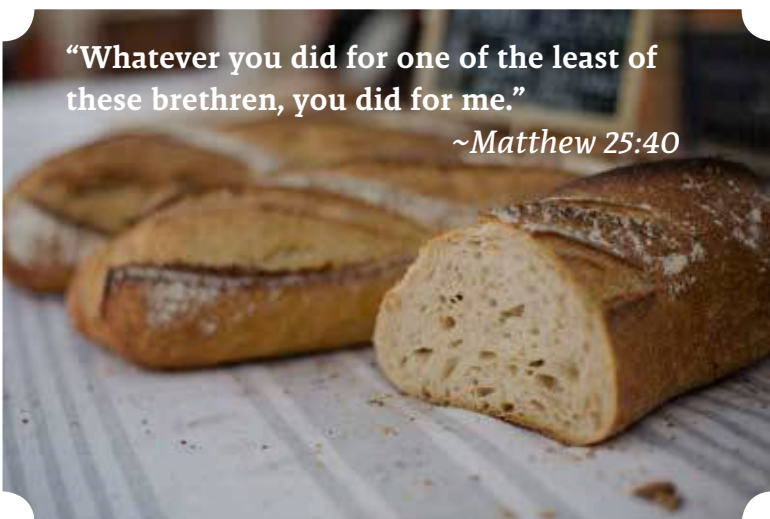
As I celebrate my 60 years, these little ones, and the bigger ones too, all my sisters and brothers, and God, WHO IS LOVE, fill my life with meaning and animate me for grateful living and hope for the future.

--Sister Henrietta Gesinski, SSJ-TOSF

**“I am grateful for many opportunities to be formed by those whom I have companioned and those who have companioned me.”**

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brethren, you did for me.”

~Matthew 25:40



# Sister Judith David

Sister Ellen Marie

~ 60 years ~



For all that has been thanks...Every day I am reminded of giving thanks because of an email I received on gratefulness. It makes me stop and begin the day in a different kind of space. As I look back at 60 years in the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, I also stop and give thanks. This journey has been one of excitement, change, challenge and transformation. The blessing of being in this congregation has made all the difference.

Opportunities abound in religious life especially in our congregation. I feel blessed because of being on this journey for these 60 years and experiencing challenges along the way. The ever widening circles have offered much to our growth as a congregation and to me as a member. For me it is important to be open to what is around me so as to respond in the context of the Gospel to the changing times.

It has been a privilege to serve in the varied ministerial opportunities that have been offered me whether within the congregation or outside of it. The people who have been there have been a wonderful blessing. Our times together have been graced moments. Whether the ministry was with children in elementary school, teens in high school, adults in parish programs, men and women waiting for soup at the soup kitchen, women discerning religious life as

a lifestyle, or members of the congregation, these were all times of learning for me. I'm not sure if I would have had these opportunities or taken them if I were not part of a religious congregation.

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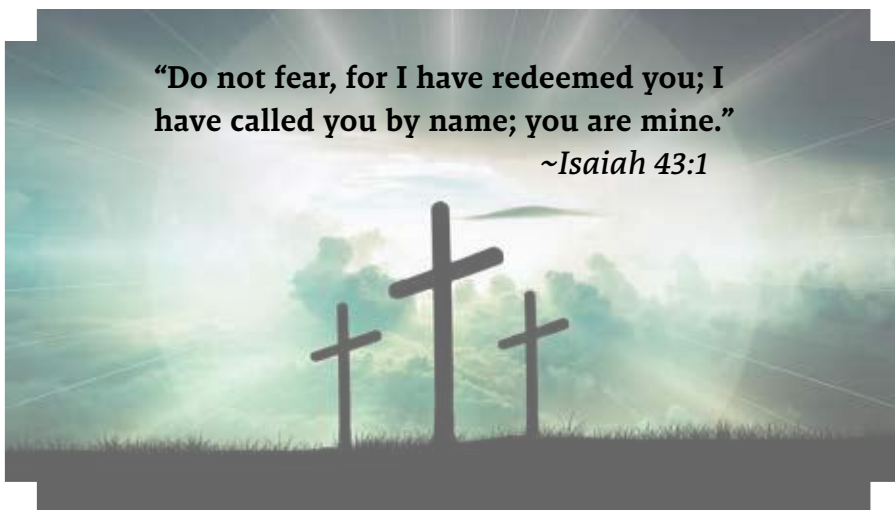
There have been times to share prayer, to share laughter, and to share difficulties with others during the years. Some changes have brought challenges as well as opportunities to share Franciscan values with many people. Our current times have offered much to reflect upon in religious life. The collaborative effort within religious life has certainly been beneficial in so many ways. The numbers have changed but the lifestyle continues to be a value within the church and within society today, and for this I am most grateful. Thinking

of the 60 years I can enumerate many memories for which I say thanks but there is a future to which I say “yes” to what is yet to come as part of the evolving adventure of religious life!

--Sister Judith David, SSJ-TOSF

**“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”**

*~Isaiah 43:1*



## Sister Mary Phyllis Chruciel

~ 60 years ~



In each season and month of my religious life, I find myself being thankful to God for all I have done and all He has done for me. I was the third child out of six children born to Helen and Albert Chruciel in the Roseland area of Chicago, IL.. For eight years I attended St. Salomea School, which was staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. Then for three years I attended St. Michael High School in South Chicago and was taught by the Nazareth Sisters. I entered our congregation on Aug. 30, 1959, and completed my fourth year of high school while a postulant at Lourdes.

My very first memory of convent life was on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the Sisters said prayers in Polish. I didn't know how to read in Polish, so I listened to them pray. This reminded me of my parents and grandparents praying and talking Polish at home. It makes me smile and feel good knowing that I was in a happy place. Just as in each year of my religious life I now find myself being thankful to God for all I have done. I am most grateful as I celebrate my 60th Jubilee. I'm so thankful for the blessings from my parents for letting me enter the convent. I am grateful that I have shared faith, joys and sorrows with all of God's people. Being in a religious congregation made me realize how much closer I am to the Lord. During my novitiate, my ministry took shape in dietary services. I began serving at Lourdes Convent and High School. Sisters, friends and visitors would gather in the kitchen where the coffee and goodies were well laid out.

I also cooked at Transfiguration Convent, Our Lady of the Snows, and De La Salle-Lourdes Hall, all in Chicago. My ministry expanded to include working with preschool and kindergarten children. Then, I had the opportunity to attend college to prepare me to work at two different preschools. I was a housemother for children at the Bartlett Learning Center. I started taking courses one at a time while working in the preschools. It was a beautiful experience to see how God worked in the lives of these children as they grew and developed. I also learned an appreciation of the elderly through my volunteer work at Mercy Hospital. They taught me what it means to age with grace.

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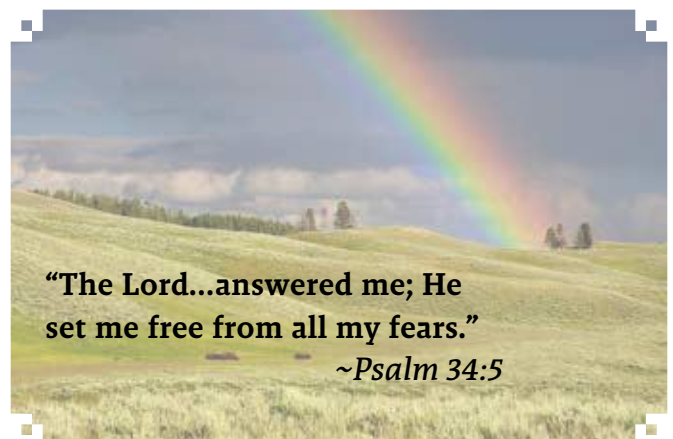
As the need arose through these years, I taught CCD classes, served as a teacher's aide and chauffeured when Sisters needed transportation.

It was a blessing to be at Clare Oaks for almost 11 years. There were many opportunities to get to know the residents and staff. It was easy to talk with them, share stories and information, and to listen. While visiting in Assisi Health Center, I got to meet patients who were always willing to accept a visitor to listen or talk with them with a smile on my face.

WOW! Sixty years loving and living in God's house makes me feel warm at heart. A 60th Jubilee is an experience because it is a time of thankfulness for the gift of years, for family and friends and Sisters who journeyed with me faithfully, for the miracles of each day.

Another door opened for me when leaving the suburbs of Bartlett, IL, to where I can take a walk to the Cleveland Hospital and that's here in Garfield Heights, OH, where I live today.

--Sister Mary Phyllis Chruciel, SSJ-TOSF



**"The Lord...answered me; He set me free from all my fears."**

~Psalm 34:5

**“My Father is glorified that you bear much  
fruit and become my disciples.”**

*~ John 15:8*



## Sister Anne Joseph Crookston

~ 50 years ~



I was taught by the SSJ-TOSF and when Sister Gertrude, who was my third grade teacher, prepared us for our First Communion said, "Whatever you ask Jesus for on your First Communion Day, you will receive." Twelve years later I walked into Marymount Convent and this was the answer to my request. It is now 50 years later and as I reflect on my life, I am overwhelmed by the places and ministries that have been gifted to me.

I cannot point to a particular place or ministry that has been my favorite because wherever or whatever I was doing at the time was where I was meant to be. I served at Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights, OH, St. Joseph Hospital in Meridian, MS, and at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, CA, as a medical technologist. It was during this time that AIDS came to the forefront and I was part of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan team that educated parents and school staffs on the transmission of this disease. I was asked to eulogize one of my coworkers, who died of AIDS. It was at the same time that I was volunteering for a youth ministry program and earned a master's degree in religious education and then moved into parish ministry. Adult education, RCIA, young adult ministry and youth ministry were added to my resume. As life moved forward, I was asked to coordinate the pilgrimage from Los Angeles to Denver for World Youth Day. This led to teaching at Sacred Heart High School and St. Bernard High School. I was then asked to become the first director of detention ministry for the Diocese of Orange County. One

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of the most heart-breaking experiences was starting the Get on The Bus (for Orange County) program that took children of incarcerated women to see their mothers for Mother's Day. It has been an amazing journey and I have tried to do my best.

Both Jesus and Francis sent people out in pairs to spread the Good News and it was my gift to be paired with Sister Dolores Mikula for more than 44 years. We shared and supported each other's ministries and in the process learned from each other and the people to whom we ministered. This is a journey that can only be accomplished with the support of a larger community. So, as I celebrate my golden jubilee it is not mine alone but the entire SSJ-TOSF community: those still here and so many others who have gone before who are part and parcel of this celebration. Thank you Sister Gertrude, SSJ-TOSF.

--Sister Anne Joseph Crookston, SSJ-TOSF





**“I have loved you with an everlasting love, I  
have called you and you are Mine.”**

*~ Jeremiah 31:3*





**"I place my trust in You, O lord. I say, "You are my God." My life is in Your hands."**

*~ Psalm 31: 15-16*

**“Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.”**

*~Psalm 144:15*

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Make gifts in memory or in honor of family and friends.

### **Stock**

Gifts of stock that has appreciated can save you from having to pay taxes on the capital gains. You may also qualify for an income tax deduction.

### **Bequest by Will**

Including the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis in your will is one of the simplest forms of planned giving. Simply designate a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate after other disbursements. A bequest can reduce the amount of your taxable estate and may increase the actual amount available to loved ones.

### **Life Insurance**

Making a contribution of life insurance can provide a substantial gift. The value of an ordinary policy at the time of the gift is tax deductible. If you continue to pay the premiums, they may also be tax deductible as charitable contributions. If you donate a paid-up policy, the cost of purchasing a new paid-up policy at your current age is the value of the charitable deductible.

### **Beneficiary Designations**

You may name the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis as the beneficiary of a retirement IRA, savings account, and/or certificate of deposit.

### **Planned Giving Strategies**

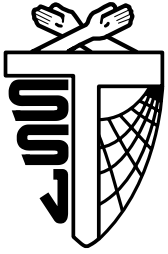
You may set up trusts and annuities as a way to give a larger gift and reduce your estate taxes at the same time.

*If you have questions about how to make a gift, please contact Sister Sandy Lasecke in the Mission Advancement Office at 715-341-8457 or [slasecke@ssj-tosf.org](mailto:slasecke@ssj-tosf.org).*

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**“May the Lord smile upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord .. give you His peace.”**

*~Numbers 6:25-26*



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