

# HONORING OUR RELIGIOUS

*“One of the charisms of religious life in our Catholic chemistry is that you religious are a light unto the world...”*



*“You say to others, ‘The light of Christ is right here for you. The light of Christ is accessible. The light of Christ radiates every part of our lives.’ ”*

Religious sisters listen closely to Cardinal Dolan’s homily at a Mass Jan. 31 in St. John the Evangelist Church, Manhattan, celebrating the World Day for Consecrated Life. *Chris Sheridan*

## Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines)

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Isabelle McCann, C.S.A.C.**, taught in the archdiocese at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, the Bronx, and Harriman College, Monroe, where she also was director of admissions, 1965-1970; and in New Jersey at Holy Rosary Academy, Union City. She was principal of Our Lady of Grace School, Brooklyn. She served her community as province treasurer, 1991-2005, and as a chapter delegate. Now retired, she resides at Queen of Apostles Convent, Monroe.

**Sister Aloysius Palmieri, C.S.A.C.**, taught in the archdiocese at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

School, Bronx, Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Benedicta, Staten Island, and St. Lucy’s, Manhattan. She also taught in Brooklyn, New Jersey and Rhode Island. She spent five years working with a lay apostolate in Puerto Rico and assisted at a camp in Baltimore. Now retired, she resides at Queen of Apostles Convent.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Alice Marie D’Onofrio, C.S.A.C.**, has served as a principal at Immaculate Conception School, the Bronx, and in New Jersey at Holy Rosary Academy, Union City, and Our Lady of Grace, Fairview, where she now serves as the devel-

opment officer.

**Sister Patricia Gatti, C.S.A.C.**, taught in the archdiocese at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Bronx; Sacred Heart, Suffern; and St. Patrick’s Semi-Military Academy, Harriman. She is now teaching at Mother Seton Inter-Parochial School in Union City, N.J. She has been active in other Pallottine apostolates in New Jersey and Rhode Island.

**Sister Theresa Martin, C.S.A.C.**, served as a nurse in Canada and then served in the archdiocese at St. Patrick’s Villa, Monroe; Astor Home for Children, Rhinebeck; and Tuxedo Memorial Hospital. She was moderator of St. Patrick’s Villa, 1998-2005,

and of Queen of Apostles Center, Monroe, 2005-2007, where she now serves as a nurse.

**Sister Joan Marie Verdi, C.S.A.C.**, previously taught in the archdiocese at Holy Rosary, Manhattan; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bronx; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Benedicta, Staten Island. She served as director of religious education at St. Thomas of Canterbury parish in Cornwall-on-Hudson. She served the Pallottine Sisters as vocation director, 2004-2006. She also taught at Mother Seton Inter-Parochial School, Union City, N.J., and now teaches at St. Francis Academy, Union City.

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## Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm

### 75 YEARS

**Sister M. Anthony of the Sacred Heart Bade, O. Carm.,** has served her congregation at St. Patrick's Home in the Bronx and Mary Manning Walsh Home in Manhattan. In early years, she cared for priests and seminarians, and later she served as superior and administrator. She has resided at St. Patrick's Home since 2009.

**Sister M. Agatha Immaculate Caruso, O. Carm.,** spent almost all of her religious life since 1960 serving at Mary Manning Walsh Home, where she now resides. She earlier served at the former Mount Carmel Home in New York City and at St. Patrick's Home.

**Sister M. Josita of the Sacred Heart Maloney, O. Carm.,** served at Mary Manning Walsh Home

from 1976 until her retirement. She earlier served at the former Josephine Baird Home and Mount Carmel Home in New York City. She served the community as superior and administrator, nurse and bookkeeper. She now resides at Mary Manning Walsh Home.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Margaret Mary Boyle, O. Carm.,** is working as an infection control nurse at St. Patrick's Home. She has served there since 2003. She also served at St. Patrick's Home early in her religious life, and again from 1983 to 1998. She also served in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Ohio.

**Sister Michael Mary Campbell, O. Carm.,** is director of volunteers at Mary Manning Walsh Home, where

she has served there since 1990. She was assigned to St. Patrick's Home, 1963-1990. She also served in Massachusetts and Michigan.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister M. Kevin Patricia Lynch, O. Carm.,** is prioress and assistant administrator at St. Patrick's Home. She was the administrator of Mary Manning Walsh Home, 1985-1996. She earlier served two terms on the congregation's general council.

### 25 YEARS

**Sister Leda Veronica Domino, O. Carm.,** has served in the Social Services Department at St. Patrick's Home since 2011. She ministered to the residents there, 1990-1998. She also served in Utica, and in Pennsylvania and Florida.

## Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### 80 YEARS

**Sister Lena Angelella, M.S.C.,** served for 18 years as prefect and sacristan at Sacred Heart Villa in Dobbs Ferry, where she was also a mentor and mother figure to children there. She also cared for children Sacred Heart Orphanage in West Park and at an orphanage in Kearny, N.J. From 1967 to 1985, she served as local superior of various communities. She served in pastoral ministry on behalf of the elderly for 11 years until her retirement in 2001.

**Sister Edmond Cirulli, M.S.C.,** ministered to orphans in Denver, at day nurseries in New Orleans and Los Angeles, and at a hospital in Chicago. She taught for 17 years in a nursery school in Swaziland, Southern Africa. She was one of the founding members of St. Philip's Mission, which today cares for HIV orphans. She cared for senior sisters in Philadelphia until her retirement in 1995.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Immaculate Gough, M.S.C.,** a native of Dublin, Ireland, ministers at Cabrini Immigrant Services in Manhattan. She served at Cabrini Medical Center, Manhattan, and also at hospitals in Chicago and Australia. She worked in social services in Chicago. She served her congregation as local superior and provincial councilor, and also cared for senior sisters.

**Sister Philippa Provenzano, M.S.C.,** served in the business office at Columbus Hospital in Manhat-

tan. The native of Montedoro, Italy, served her congregation as local superior, provincial councilor and with research projects and translations. She ministered as a social worker, patient advocate and director of volunteers at a hospital in Seattle, served in pastoral ministry in Colorado and served as a missionary to Central America.

**Sister Alberta Surico, M.S.C.,** served in the finance office of Cabrini Medical Center and as administrator at St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, both in Manhattan. The Brooklyn-born nun served as a pastoral care minister at Cabrini Adult Home in West Park, and volunteer English as a Second Language teacher for Cabrini Immigrant Services in Manhattan. She also served as a provincial councilor for the Midwest Province. She served in various capacities in Chicago, Seattle, Texas and Colorado.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Tommasina Lanski, M.S.C.,** is administrator of St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in Manhattan and serves her congregation as provincial councilor. The Brooklyn-born nun served in hospitals as a nurse in Chicago and as an administrator in Seattle. She served as executive director of the Catholic Health Alliance in Chicago. She was coordinator of senior care in Seattle.

**Sister Angelina Randazzo, M.S.C.,** coordinates hospitality at Columbus Convent in Manhattan and assists the health care director with the senior sisters. She served as

director of volunteers at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry. She has served her congregation as local superior. She served as a group mother or teacher at orphanages and in day care and group homes in West Park and in Philadelphia, New Orleans and Colorado.

**Sister Bernadette Anello, M.S.C.,** a native of Brooklyn, taught there and in Philadelphia and Scranton, Pa. She served in pastoral ministry in Brooklyn, Chicago and Seattle. She was president of Cabrini Mission Foundation, and was a missionary to the Philippines. She served her community as vocation director and provincial councilor. She also served at Cabrini College in Radnor, Pa.

## Marist Brothers

### 60 YEARS

**Brother Daniel Grogan, F.M.S.,** a native of Flushing, was assistant principal and teacher at Mount St. Michael Academy, the Bronx, and prefect and teacher at Marist Prep, Esopus. He is the director of a Marist Brothers retirement community in Miami.

**Brother James Maher, F.M.S.,** originally from New York City, was a teacher and counselor at St. Helena's High School, the Bronx. He was both assistant principal and principal at Archbishop Molloy High School, Briarwood, where he teaches.

**Brother Kevin Moran, F.M.S.** was a teacher, assistant principal and principal at Mount St. Michael Academy, the Bronx, as well as at Marist High School, Chicago, where he was also

## Ursuline Nuns, New Rochelle

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Margaret Hamilton, O.S.U.,** served at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula in the Bronx as librarian, 1974-1993. She taught in the Bronx at St. Angela Merici, 1956-1957; St. Philip Neri, 1957-1960; and St. Jerome's, 1966-1968 and 1969-1972. She also taught in Massachusetts, Delaware and Brazil. Formerly known as Sister Mary Loyola, she resides at Andrus on Hudson in Hastings-on-Hudson.

**Sister Mary Larkin, O.S.U.,** was director of pastoral care at the Dominican Sisters of Hope Residence, Mariandale, and a volunteer chaplain at Phelps Memorial Hospital, Sleepy Hollow, 2006-2012. She taught at Our Lady of Mercy School, the Bronx, 1956-1957; St. Joseph's, Middletown, 1957-1958; St. Angela Merici, the Bronx, 1958-1959 and 1961-1963; St. Jerome's, the Bronx, 1959-1961; and Blessed Sacrament School, New Rochelle, 1970-1980. Formerly known as Sister Evangelista, she taught in Malone, and served in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

**Sister Alice Moran, O.S.U.,** taught religion at The Ursuline School, New Rochelle, 1999-2004. She served at the following Bronx schools: St. Angela Merici, teacher, 1956; St. Jerome's, teacher, 1970-1974, and assistant principal, 1974-1976; Our Lady of Mercy, teacher, 1957-1958, and principal, 1961-1964; St. Philip Neri, teacher, 1959-1961; and Academy of Mount St. Ursula, teacher, 1964-1965. She was a community superior in the Bronx and New Rochelle. She was the province's director of novices, and did religious forma-

tion. She served for 14 years in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. She taught in Delaware and Missouri. Formerly known as Sister Columba, she now resides at Andrus on Hudson.

**Sister Elinor Shea, O.S.U.,** has worked since 1980 in spiritual direction, group facilitation and consulting. She taught at College of New Rochelle, 1957-1965 and 1967-1968. She served at the College of New Rochelle's School of New Resources, as director, 1974-1976; associate director, 1972-1974; adjunct faculty member, 1979-1981; and portfolio mentor, 1981-1984. She earlier taught at Blessed Sacrament School, New Rochelle. Formerly known as Sister Mary Berchmans, she was superior of St. Angela's Convent in the Bronx, 1968-1971.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Mary Sullivan, O.S.U.,** has served since 2009 as provincial of the Ursulines of the Roman Union of the Eastern Province. She taught at Blessed Sacrament, New Rochelle, 1965, and in the Bronx at St. Jerome's, 1972-1973, and St. John Chrysostom, 1997-2000. She served at St. Clare's and Harlem hospitals in Manhattan and Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx. She was director of pastoral care at Calvary Hospital, the Bronx. She also served at Siena House, a shelter for women in the Bronx. She served her community as novice director, director of temporary professed, director for candidacy and province coordinator for justice, peace and the integrity of creation, and assistant provincial. Formerly known as Sister Karen, she served in Malone and in Maryland.

bookstore manager. He currently volunteers in the library there.

**Brother Kevin O'Neill, F.M.S.,** a Brooklyn native, was a teacher and assistant principal at St. Helena's High School, the Bronx. He was also a teacher, assistant principal and treasurer at Marist High School, Bayonne, N.J. He served more than 30 years at schools in the Philippines as president, dean and business officer; and was treasurer of the Marist Brother Province of the United States for 10 years.

### 50 YEARS

**Brother Herbert Baker, F.M.S.,** is a native of Brooklyn who taught at St. Helena's High School, the Bronx. He also taught at Msgr. Edward Pace

High School, Miami, and is now a teacher and athletic trainer at Christopher Columbus High School, also Miami.

**Brother Kenneth Curtin, F.M.S.,** originally from New York City, did pastoral service at St. Malachy's, The Actors' Chapel, Manhattan. He was director of the Marist Brothers Retreat House, Esopus. He taught in New Jersey at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, and Marist High School, Bayonne. He was a teacher and director of admissions at Christopher Columbus High School, Miami, where he was campus minister before his death Feb. 3.

### 70 YEARS

Brother Gerard Cormier, F.M.S.

## Maryknoll Sisters, Ossining

### 80 YEARS

**Sister Julia Hannigan, M.M.**, a Brooklyn native, worked as a missioner in Asia where she was a teacher. She also did refugee work and organized a children's recreation center. She assisted at Queen of the World Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

**Sister Paulita Hoffman, M.M.**, served in the missions of China and Taiwan, mostly in pastoral ministry and catechetics. She now assists in the development department at Maryknoll Center.

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Eugenie Therese Courtright, M.M.**, taught in Hawaii and also worked in the order's development department.

**Sister Leona Michiels, M.M.**, taught science in Hawaii. She also did promotion work for the order.

**Sister Helen Werner, M.M.**, served in the missions teaching for 10 years in Panama. She then entered the Maryknoll cloister and now ministers at a house of prayer she helped found in Guatemala.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister JoAnne Bastien, M.M.**, served as a teacher, nurse and activities director in China and in the Chinatown area of Chicago. She served the elderly and ill members at the Maryknoll Residential Care Center.

**Sister Joan Berninger, M.M.**, taught at Maryknoll, as well as in Hawaii and New Mexico where she worked in diocesan-level educational leadership. She also served in Maryknoll administration.

**Sister Helen Carpenter, M.M.**, taught at Transfiguration School in Manhattan. She also taught in Chile where she worked to empower women and assisted a mental health program.

**Sister Marian Teresa Dury, M.M.**, served in the missions of Tanzania as a staff nurse and nurse-midwife as well as teaching nursing and community health. She currently serves the infirm at the Maryknoll Residential Care Center.

**Sister Rose Corde McCormick, M.M.**, served as a missioner in Japan, Micronesia and Mexico, as an educator and pastoral care worker. She ministered at the Maryknoll Residential Care Center. She is now assistant sacristan at Maryknoll.

**Sister Grace Corde Myerjack, M.M.**, a native of Queens, has been a member of the congregation's contemplative community for most of her years of service.

**Sister Mary Anne O'Donnell,**

helped start Maryknoll's lay missioners program. The Queens native founded a commercial school in Tanzania and also served in the order's personnel department and the Mission Institute.

**Sister Marion Phillips, M.M.**, originally from Queens, was a missioner to Japan and Thailand. She has served as a teacher, catechetical instructor, pastoral worker and artist. She is now a member of a contemplative community in Thailand.

**Sister Irene Solzbacher, M.M.**, who was born in Luxembourg, graduated from the University of Hawaii Medical School, and is a psychiatrist. She taught high school science and math. She serves in the congregation's wellness center in Maryknoll.

**Sister Mary Stolz, M.M.**, was a secretary and yeoman in the U.S. Navy before entering Maryknoll. She did pastoral care work in Venezuela. She also worked in the order's administration, development and treasury departments.

**Sister Joan Toohig, M.M.**, served in Bolivia and Peru doing pastoral care and social services. She also worked in social services at Queen of the World Hospital in Missouri.

**Sister Alice Wengrzynek, M.M.**, worked throughout Asia conducting workshops on helping the mentally handicapped. She provided secretarial services at Maryknoll and at a hospital in Taiwan. She was also curator of the congregation's archives.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Margaret Dillon, M.M.**, a native of Queens, offered social development and literacy programs in Nicaragua and assisted at Maryknoll's ecological sanctuary in the Philippines. She now serves in the order's development department.

**Sister Elizabeth Erbland, M.M.**, taught in the Philippines and in the United States. She was assistant superintendent for urban education in the Diocese of Rochester as well as director of development for the order.

**Sister Mary Jane Heckathorn, M.M.**, worked in social services in the Philippines and the United States. She also served in the congregation's development department.

**Sister Doreen Longres, M.M.**, comes originally from the Bronx and is a founder of the congregation's environmental office. She has worked in Peru on behalf of human and environmental rights as well as in pastoral care.

**Sister Kathleen Magee, M.M.**, taught for 20 years in Tanzania. She is a psychotherapist and adjunct

## It's Who We Are, Not What We Do

By **SISTER CONSTANCE VEIT, I.S.P.**

What if we could both foster religious vocations and strengthen the Church's presence in the world of health care? February is a great month to do both!

Each year the Church sponsors two special celebrations during the month of February. The World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated Feb. 2, the feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple; and the World Day of the Sick is celebrated Feb. 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Both of these events have significance for us Little Sisters of the Poor. Together, they remind us that the care of the elderly and the sick is not merely something we do. Hospitality to the needy elderly is at the heart of who we are as consecrated women in the Church. The care of the elderly is so central to our vocation that it is sealed by a vow of its own—that of hospitality—in addition to the three vows traditionally made by religious women and men, namely chastity, poverty and obedience. This fourth vow of hospitality brings to perfection our gift of self to the Lord and gives it a very concrete expression in the nitty-gritty of daily life.

As Little Sisters of the Poor we are not alone in our health-related mission to the poor. For centuries the Church has counted on consecrated persons, many of them women, to assure a dedicated and prophetic presence in the world of health care. In his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est," Pope Benedict XVI wrote about the Church's vocation to practice love through works of charity, including the care of the sick. "As a community, the Church must practice love. Love thus needs to be organized if it is to be an ordered service to the community," he noted.

How practical our Holy Father is! Love needs to be organized if it is to be effective, and who better to organize it than the legions of women religious who have served in hospitals, homes for the elderly and other institutions

down through the centuries? I am humbled to be a part of this great tradition of charity, even if I am not always as organized as I could be!

During this Year of Faith, when Catholics around the world are invited to engage in the New Evangelization with renewed enthusiasm, I am increasingly conscious of how much the Church needs consecrated persons in the field of health—not only to continue Christ's mission of healing and mercy—but to evangelize the world of health care with the light of the Gospel of Life.

Blessed John Paul II once wrote that health care ministries staffed by religious or otherwise associated with the Church must be more than institutions where care is provided; they must be places where suffering, pain and death are understood in their human and specifically Christian meaning. This conviction is even truer today than when he wrote it nearly 20 years ago. Furthering such understanding is one of the goals of the World Days of the Sick.

Speaking to health care workers in Rome last November, Pope Benedict emphasized that caring for others is not a career, but a mission. He underlined society's need for "Good Samaritans" with generous hearts and open arms. Members of religious congregations working in health care have a fundamental role to play, he said, in going beyond the clinical approach so common today "to allow the glory of the risen crucified Christ to appear in the diversified panorama of health."

During this month when we celebrate consecrated life and offer special prayers for the sick, please join us Little Sisters of the Poor in praying for an increase of vocations to our congregation and to other health care ministries in the Church, and in praying that Catholic health care may continue to flourish in our country, despite the challenges we currently face.

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faculty member at the University of St. Joseph in Connecticut where she teaches marriage and family therapy and counseling courses.

**Sister Rosanne Ong, M.M.**, who is from Manila, was both a teacher and a principal in the Philippines. She has served as a financial administrator and bursar for a high school in Tanzania where she also ran a handicraft center.

**Sister Aiko Oyabu, M.M.**, comes from Japan where she was a teacher. She has also done pastoral work and developed basic Christian communities in Bolivia and worked with immigrants in Peru. She serves as a volunteer with the elderly and infirm at Maryknoll Residential Care Center.

**Sister Kathleen Reiley, M.M.**, has taught and been involved with pastoral education and Zen instruction in Japan, Germany and the United States.

**Sister Catherine Rowe, M.M.**, was a nurse at Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital in Hong Kong for nearly 40

years. She now serves at Maryknoll Residential Care Center in Ossining.

**Sister Veronica Schweyen, M.M.**, has taught in the Bronx and Minnesota. She was also a teacher in Tanzania where she offered pastoral counseling to women and orphans. She also launched an AIDS outreach project.

**Sister Paulette Yeung, M.M.**, who was born in China, was both a principal and teacher in Hong Kong and in Hawaii. She was director of the diocesan pastoral youth center in Macau; and founder of St. Mary's Tea House, San Francisco, which assists families affected by problem gambling.

**Sister Marie Christelle Zabalero, M.M.**, who was from the Philippines, served in that county as a nurse and natural family planning instructor. She also taught in elementary and high schools and ministered as a youth coordinator and catechist. She served in East Timor in the field of community health.

### 25 YEARS

**Sister Bitrina Kirway, M.M.**, a native of Tanzania, has served in pastoral work, prison ministry and at a domestic abuse shelter. She has been part of the congregation's leadership team since 2008.

### 70 YEARS

Sister Ann Karen Brannick, M.M.  
Sister Ann Carol Brielmaier, M.M.  
Sister Agnes Cazale, M.M.  
Sister Mary Driscoll, M.M.  
Sister Mary Elizabeth Fortin, M.M.  
Sister Rose Bernadette Gallagher, M.M.

Sister Ann Teresa Kamachi, M.M.  
Sister Joan Kirsch, M.M.  
Sister Cecilia LeBlanc, M.M.  
Sister Elizabeth Lee, M.M.  
Sister Mary Louise Martin, M.M.  
Sister Miriam Xavier Mug, M.M.  
Sister Dolores Rosso, M.M.  
Sister Marian Dolores Schumacher, M.M.

Sister Anne Sullivan, M.M.

Sister Helen Wild, M.M.



# Sisters of St. John the Baptist, the Bronx

## 75 YEARS

**Sister Pauline (Carmelita) Lenge, C.S.JB.,** served as assistant principal at St. Dominic's School, the Bronx. She taught at St. James School, Manhattan, and at St. Roch's and St. John Villa Academy, both on Staten Island. She also taught in New Jersey and served in pastoral work at a parish in Brooklyn. She resides at Providence Rest Convent, the Bronx, where she regularly visits residents at the nursing home there.

**Sister Thecla Chico, C.S.JB.,** has served as a nurse in Brazil for her entire religious life. She continues to reside there in retirement.

## 60 YEARS

**Sister Gloria (Charles Angela) Di Silvestri, C.S.JB.,** was a kindergarten teacher at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island. She also taught at St. Dominic's School, the Bronx. She served as principal at St. John Villa Academy High School, 1968-1971. After serving as principal, she went to Rome to serve as secretary to the superior general. She earned canon law certification and has served the congregation in Rome as a general council member, in the administration of a local community and as an elementary school teacher.

**Sister Anne Gallo, C.S.JB.,** has served families and children with severe illnesses in the grandparenting program at Richmond University Medical Center on Staten Island since 1999. She earlier taught at St. James School, Manhattan, and St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island. She also taught in New Jersey and Connecticut.

## 50 YEARS

**Sister Angelita Vazzano, C.S.JB.,** now serves in the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. She previously taught at St. Dominic's, the Bronx; St. Roch's, Staten Island; St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island; and St. James School, Manhattan. She has served her community as local superior and provincial council member. She served as dean of students at St. John Villa Academy High School, Staten Island, and director of resident students at Mount St. John, Gladstone, N.J.

**Sister Mary Patricia Lardieri,**

**C.S.JB.,** serves at Msgr. Farrell High School and Good Counsel Elementary School, both on Staten Island. She taught at St. Roch's, Staten Island, and served as principal there, 1992-2011. She taught at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, and St. Dominic's, the Bronx, and in New Jersey and Canada.

**Sister Joseph Paul Manderine, C.S.JB.,** serves at Westchester Hospice and Palliative Care in White Plains, and resides at Mount St. John Convent, Purchase. She assists retired and infirm sisters who live at Mount St. John. From 1967 to 2007, she served as associate administrator, director of nursing and as a nurse at Providence Rest Nursing Home, the Bronx. She taught for four years at St. John Villa Academy High School, Staten Island. She served her community as local superior and provin-

cial counselor.

**Sister Jacinta Rodriguez, C.S.JB.,** resides at Mount St. John Convent, Purchase. She serves elderly and infirm sisters who reside at the community's retirement home. She was involved in ministry and administration at convents and schools in Brooklyn, Glen Cove and Cairo and in New Jersey. She did parish work in Brooklyn.

**Sister Mary Clemens Lawrence, C.S.JB.,** who is retired, resides at Mount St. John Convent, Purchase. She served as assistant administrator at Providence Rest Nursing Home, the Bronx. She served as provincial secretary and archivist. She was a school secretary in New Jersey. She entered the order at age 50 after working as an executive secretary in Manhattan.

**Sister Frederic Mary De Pew, C.S.JB.,** has served as administrator of Mount St. John Convent, Purchase,

since 2006. She was local superior at Mount St. John Convent and St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, and in New Jersey. She was assistant director of formation, 1989-1994. She served in the social services department and as local superior of Providence Rest Nursing Home in the Bronx. She was local superior at St. Dominic's Convent, the Bronx. She also taught in New Jersey and was a missionary to India.

## 25 YEARS

**Sister Lucita Bacat, C.S.JB.,** a native of the Philippines, is principal of St. John Villa Academy Elementary School, Staten Island. She taught mathematics at St. John Villa Academy High School, 1996-2005. She taught at St. Dominic's School, the Bronx. She served at Mount St. John Convent, Purchase, assisting with

clerical and payroll work.

**Sister Liceria Sayon, C.S.JB.,** is the youth minister at St. John Villa Academy High School, Staten Island, and is vocation director for the American Province. She taught at St. Dominic's, the Bronx; St. John Villa Academy Elementary School, Staten Island; and St. James, Manhattan. She served as an assistant teacher at St. Dominic's. She provided child daycare assistance at Mount St. John Convent, Purchase.

## 70 YEARS

Sister Mary Crucifix Buttaci, C.S.JB.  
Sister Lucille Verga, C.S.JB.

## 65 YEARS

Sister Rita Marie Carey, C.S.JB.

## 55 YEARS

Sister Mary Jeanne Libert, C.S.JB.

## Brothers of the Christian Schools

### 75 YEARS

**Brother Patrick Down, F.S.C.,** who is retired, served at a teacher and director at La Salle Institute, Manhattan, 1959-1960, and as principal and director of St. Jerome's in the Bronx, 1955-1959. He taught at St. Raymond High School in the Bronx, 1942-1945, and in New Jersey.

### 50 YEARS

**Brother Thomas Scanlan, F.S.C.,** served as president of Manhattan College in the Riverdale section of the Bronx from 1987 to 2009. He is now auxiliary provincial of the District of Eastern North America. He was director of finance and education at La Salle Provincial Office, New York District, 1978-1981. He served as vice principal and principal at schools in New Jersey.

### 40 YEARS

Brother Edward Shields, F.S.C.

## Sisters of Charity of New York

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Ruth Marion McCullough, S.C.,** served the archdiocese as financial supervisor in the Office of Superintendent of Schools, 1967-1969; director of the field unit budget office, 1969-1989; and as a consultant, 1989-1990. She served at St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan, first in the accounting department, 1942-1960, and then as comptroller, 1960-1967. She earlier taught at Visitation School, the Bronx, 1938-1940, and St. Mary's, Kingston, 1940-1942. She retired in 1990 and lives at Mary the Queen Convent, Yonkers.

### 70 YEARS

Sister Marilda Joseph Aeillo, S.C.

### 65 YEARS

Sister Marie Irene Breheny, S.C.

## Congregation of Notre Dame, Wilton, Conn.

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Mary Joyce, C.N.D.,** is retired and residing at Andrus on Hudson, a retirement community in Hastings-on-Hudson. She was superior and supervisor of the grounds at Notre Dame College on Staten Island and was a librarian at Notre Dame Academy on Staten Island. She taught in Rhode Island, Ohio and Connecticut, where she also was a principal.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Denise Conway, C.N.D.,** is a pastoral minister at Andrus on Hudson in Hastings-on-Hudson. She taught at St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan, and at Notre Dame Academy, Staten Island. She was the registrar at Notre Dame

College of Staten Island, 1958-1959. She taught in Schenectady and was a vice principal in Connecticut.

**Sister Eileen Kelly, C.N.D.,** resides at Andrus on Hudson in Hastings-on-Hudson. She was a campus minister and religion teacher at Notre Dame Academy on Staten Island, 1981-1986. She taught science at St. Jean Baptiste High School in Manhattan. She also served at a high school in Illinois and taught in Schenectady.

**Sister Blanche Laporte, C.N.D.,** is the receptionist at Villa Maria Academy, the Bronx. She served in the archdiocese for 30 years as a teacher of reading, computer programming and computer systems at St. Columba's School in Manhattan, Notre Dame Academy on Staten Is-

land and Villa Maria Academy in the Bronx.

**Sister Dolores McKinney, C.N.D.,** is an assistant in the financial office at St. Jean Baptiste High School in Manhattan and resides at St. Columba's Convent. She taught at St. Jean Baptiste in the early 1960s. She taught at Notre Dame Academy on Staten Island and St. Columba's in Manhattan. She also served in Schenectady and in Connecticut. She spent 10 years as a missionary in Guatemala and Africa.

**Sister Nancy O'Neill, C.N.D.,** taught piano and music at Notre Dame Academy on Staten Island in the 1950s and 1960s, and served as a librarian there. She taught music at St. Jean Baptiste High School,

1963-1965. She ministered to the deaf in Boston and in Connecticut. She resides at Andrus on Hudson in Hastings-on-Hudson.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Eileen Dorney, C.N.D.,** is a case manager and social worker at 49 Residence in Manhattan. She served as a social service worker with archdiocesan Catholic Charities' Family and Child Services, 1984-2003. She served in social services at the Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 2004-2006. She resides at St. Columba's Convent, Manhattan.

### 70 YEARS

Sister Marie Cafferty, C.N.D.  
Sister Rose Daly, C.N.D.

## Dominican Sisters Of Amityville

### 70 YEARS

Sister Anne Toomey, O.P.

## Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Tarrytown

### 80 YEARS

**Sister Angela Hearne, R.S.H.M.**, was born in Ireland and entered the order in Tarrytown. She taught at elementary schools in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. Now retired, she lives at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown.

### 75 YEARS

**Sister Mary Bernarde Holohan, R.S.H.M.**, who was born in Ireland, entered the congregation in France. She served as mistress of postulants at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Tarrytown. She taught French at Marymount Academy and College, Tarrytown. After her retirement, she volunteered at Westchester Medical Center and at Istituto Marymount in Rome. She assists at the Tarrytown provincial center.

### 60 YEARS

**Sister Anne Considine, R.S.H.M.**, who teaches at Marymount School in Manhattan, has taught at every academic level. In addition to serving in Medellin, Colombia, she taught in the Bronx and Manhattan, as well as in Brooklyn and Sag Harbor. The native of Ireland also taught at Marymount Manhattan College and the College of New Rochelle.

**Sister Anne Barat Corcoran, R.S.H.M.**, served at Marymount College, Tarrytown, and the Academy of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Manhattan. She was also a nursing supervisor in Virginia and directed a hospital and clinic in Zimbabwe. She entered the order in Tarrytown, where she is now retired.

**Sister Margaret Mary Dunleavy, R.S.H.M.**, a native New Yorker, has served on support staff at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown, as well as at schools in Brooklyn, Tarrytown and Arlington, Va. She spent a sabbatical year in Rome. Now retired, she lives at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown.

**Sister John Bosco Gorla, R.S.H.M.**, born in San Salvador, has been a teacher, bursar, archivist and member of a vice provincial leadership team. She has served at the Marymount International School in Rome. She still works in Rome as the business manager at Istituto Marymount, and as the archivist at the congregation's generalate.

**Sister Margaret Ann Landry, R.S.H.M.**, taught in Tarrytown, Virginia, Illinois and Zimbabwe. At Marymount Manhattan College, she developed a nationally used program in academic advisement. She served 22 years as campus minister at Stony Brook University where she was awarded an honorary doctorate. She assists in the province advancement office.

**Sister Frances Lane, R.S.H.M.**, did mission work in Colombia as well as teaching at Marymount schools. The native New Yorker served as provincial secretary in Tarrytown and general secretary in Rome. She co-founded Centro Corazon de Maria on Long Island where she continues to minister to the Hispanic community.

**Sister Elvira Leal, R.S.H.M.**, is a native of Colombia, who entered the congregation there. She served in that country as well as in Quebec. She also served in Westchester, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island, and Washington, D.C. Her service included parish ministry, mission work, pastoral care and work with the homeless. She continues volunteer activities while in retirement at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown.

**Sister Virginia McNally, R.S.H.M.**, has served in Tarrytown, the Bronx, Rome and Zimbabwe. She has been a teacher, member of the provincial board, director of formation in New York and assistant novice directress in Zimbabwe. She has also done retreat work and spiritual formation. She operates the clay studio Earthen Vessels at Mary-

mount Convent, Tarrytown.

**Sister Andrew Murcia, R.S.H.M.**, comes from Colombia and entered the order in Tarrytown before making final vows in France. She has been on the support staff for Marymount schools in Tarrytown, London, Barcelona and Rome. She serves at a retreat house in Sag Harbor.

**Sister Eveline Murray, R.S.H.M.**, originally from Ireland, entered the congregation in Tarrytown. She taught at parochial schools in the Bronx, Florida, Missouri and Virginia. She served as a pastoral associate and then coordinator for several parishes in Virginia. For the last several years, she has served in pastoral ministry in Zimbabwe.

**Sister Amy Pomponio, R.S.H.M.**, taught in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island as well as in Virginia and Colombia. She also did social work at Little Flower Children's Services. She is retired and living on Long Island.

**Sister Miriam Poveda, R.S.H.M.**, was born in Colombia and entered the order in Tarrytown. She served on the support staff of several schools and as a nurse's aide at Frances Schervier Home, the Bronx, and Jewish Memorial Hospital. She has spent the past 25 years offering pastoral care at Kateri Residence, Manhattan.

**Sister Elizabeth Rathgeb, R.S.H.M.**, a Westchester native, served as registrar and in other administrative positions at the Marymount colleges in Virginia and Tarrytown. She also worked in the Marymount College alumnae office of Fordham University. She now serves in the library at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister Kathleen Cummins, R.S.H.M.**, comes from Ireland and entered the congregation in Tarrytown. She served as principal at schools in Queens, Missouri, Virgin-

ia, and Florida. She also ministered at a retreat house on Long Island and now serves at Istituto Marymount, Rome.

**Sister Kathleen Murphy, R.S.H.M.**, a native of Ireland, taught at elementary schools in the Bronx, Queens, St. Louis and Paris. She was principal of schools in Brooklyn and Sag Harbor. For the past 11 years she has served in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

**Sister Catherine Mary Patten, R.S.H.M.**, was a teacher and head-

mistress Marymount Academy, Tarrytown; Marymount Manhattan College; and Marymount School of New York. She also worked in retreat and social ministry in New Jersey and Long Island. She spent 10 years as coordinator of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative at the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City and received the 2010 Bernardin Award. She served her provincial board and is now a member of the congregation's general council in Rome.

## Salesians of Don Bosco

### 50 YEARS

**Father Paul Grauls, S.D.B.**, was parochial vicar at St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Harlem, 1979-2003, and St. Joseph of the Holy Family parish in Harlem, 2003-2004. He served in Salesian schools in New Jersey and Quebec, Canada. Born in Brussels, Belgium, he was ordained in 1962. He is a parochial vicar at a parish in Washington, D.C.

**Father Javier Aracil, S.D.B.**, is parochial vicar of Holy Rosary parish in Port Chester, and teaches candidates. He served as parochial vicar at Mary Help of Christians in Manhattan, 1973-1978 and 2003-2007, and Corpus Christi in Port Chester, 2011-2012. He was provincial secretary and councilor in New Rochelle, 1997-2003. He taught at Salesian, New Rochelle, 1963-1964; Salesian Junior Seminary, Goshen, 1964-1965; and Don Bosco Juniorate, Haverstraw, 1965-1968. He served in New Jersey, Florida, and Massachusetts. Born in Alcoy, Spain, he was ordained in 1963.

### 40 YEARS

**Father Thomas Ruckert, S.D.B.**, ordained in 1973, is pastor of Corpus Christi parish, Port Chester.

## Dominican Sisters of Our Lady Of the Springs, Bridgeport, Conn.

### 50 YEARS

**Sister MaryElena Rizzo, O.P.**, a native of Brooklyn, teaches religion and directs the community service program at St. Vincent Ferrer High School in Manhattan. She has served at St. Vincent Ferrer since 2008 and before that from 1976 to 1984. She taught in Ossining at St. Augustine School, 1963-1964, and Mary Immaculate High School, 1967-1975. She was a pastoral associate at Corpus Christi parish in Woodside, Queens, 1984-2007, and taught in New Haven, Conn., 1963-1967 and 1975-1976. A member of the Columbus Dominicans until 2009, she is a founding member of the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Springs of Bridgeport, Conn.



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