

Celebrating the Year of

CONSECRATED

LIFE



DAVID KWIECINSKI

The World Day of Consecrated Life was observed Feb. 3 at Cabrini House of Formation and Discernment in West Park with a festive gathering of 37 religious men and women from a dozen communities in Ulster and Dutchess counties as well as a diocesan priest living the Benedictine Rule and four Anglican brothers. A sung Mass was offered with five priest-concelebrants. A shared meal of good food and fellowship capped the celebration hosted by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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Honoring Our

JUBILARIANS

The jubilarians whose anniversaries of vowed religious life are marked on the following pages are members of two dozen religious communities serving in this archdiocese and beyond. In sharing details of their assignments over the decades, we hope the cumulative effect recognizes both their loving service and the faith in the Lord that inspires it.

WOMEN RELIGIOUS

Maryknoll Sisters

75 YEARS

Sister Alice Regina McGinn, M.M., served as a principal, teacher and catechist in Bolivia and Peru. She was involved in pastoral ministry at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and other parishes in Providence, R.I., where she was born.

Sister Mary Naab, M.M., a social worker, served most of her time in the Pacific. She served in management with Catholic Social Services in Hawaii and California, and helped to establish a CSS program in American Samoa. She was born in Passaic, N.J.

Sister Vivian Votruba, M.M., is a medical doctor who spent most of her religious life in Bolivia and Peru. She also served in a hospital on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico and gave public health service at St. Catherine's Mission in Minnesota. The native of Minnesota resides at the Sisters' Center in Ossining.

60 YEARS

Sister Theresa Baldini, M.M., a native of Brooklyn, has been part of the congregation's contemplative community in Ossining since 1963. In addition, she was responsible for founding such communities among the Navajo people in New Mexico and in Sudan.

Sister Mary Edna Brophy, M.M., a medical missionary, spent most of her 60 years in Hong Kong, where she trained others in nursing and was an administrator at hospitals and clinics. She also provided health care to the elderly and infirm of her own congregation in Ossining.

Sister Joyce Burch, M.M., a medical technician and nurse, served at Queen of the World Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. She then served in Tanza-

nia and Kenya. She cared for ill and elderly sisters at Maryknoll Sisters Center.

Sister Elizabeth Burns, M.M., is a medical missionary who provided health care in the United States and Korea. She received the "Distinguished Managerial Service Award" from Connecticut in 1987. A native of Hartford, Conn., she resides at the Sisters Center.

Sister Anne Callahan, M.M., a native of Lowell, Mass., served two terms as treasurer of the congregation. She has served as educator and principal in Hawaii, and was a pastoral worker in Mexico and Guatemala. She now resides in Baltimore.

Sister Marlene Condon, M.M., is a medical missionary who served at Queen of the World Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., and in Chile and Guatemala. She is director of St. Mary's Hospice in Pajapita, Guatemala.

Sister Kathleen Kelly, M.M., most recently served at Mujeres Latinas en Acción, a bilingual social service agency in Chicago. She served at the Institute of Human Promotion working for human rights and the welfare of families in Nicaragua. She also taught commercial subjects in Nicaragua.

Sister Vera Krass, M.M., has served in the United States, Tanzania and Kenya. She has worked with senior citizens in California, with the homeless in Hawaii and teaching high school students in East Africa.

Sister Josephine Lucker, M.M., spent much of her missionary life in Africa as a teacher and headmistress at schools in Tanzania. She provided catechetical training throughout East Africa and worked with refugees in Zimbabwe and El Salvador.

Sister Suzanne Moore, M.M., a social worker for more than 50 years, coordinates immigra-

tion services at Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining. She works with immigrants at the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary Life Center at St. Ann's parish, Ossining. She serves as a social worker at other Westchester County locations.

50 YEARS

Sister Rosalinda Barrozo, M.M., is assistant spiritual director of the Filipino Catholic Club at a parish in Kailua, Hawaii, and is a lector and Eucharistic minister there. She previously worked in pastoral ministry in the Philippines. She worked with immigrants in Hawaii for 40 years.

Sister Imelda Bautista, M.M., served since 1970 in Tanzania teaching at the university level. In post-apartheid Namibia, she helped to improve the quality of education and the integration process in Catholic schools under the local bishops' conference. She served on her congregation's central governing board and as congregational treasurer.

Sister Bibiana Bunuan, M.M., who serves in Tanzania, educates people about human trafficking. She has initiated community health care and women's development programs in Tanzania and Namibia. She is a native of the Philippines.

Sister Susan Glass, M.M., spent years doing pastoral work in Hong Kong and Macau, particularly in youth ministry. She earlier taught fifth grade, served as an art coordinator and worked in the Department of Religious Education in the Diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Sister Shirley King, M.M., a native of Greensburg, Pa., serves as congregational photographer for the Maryknoll Sisters. She recently traveled to Asia to photograph the sisters at work. She worked in health education and catechetical work in Bolivia, and as a parish administra-

tor and health worker in Peru.

Sister Connie Krautkremer, M.M., who has served in Tanzania for most of her life as a missionary, equips women with skills, awareness and empowerment. She is a past member of the Maryknoll Sisters' Leadership Team and director of the Maryknoll Mission Institute.

Sister Nora Malauwin, M.M., was a religious educator in Indonesia and did pastoral ministry in East Timor. She was creative productions writer for the congregation. She is a native of the Philippines.

Sister Amelia Omaña, M.M., served mostly in her native Philippines with the Maryknoll Sisters there. She has worked in finance, pastoral ministry, school and office administration, and with the congregation's Donor Services Department.

Sister Patricia Ryan, M.M., a native of Levittown, has served the Peruvian people since 1971. During her 44 years in the South American country, she became an advocate and defender of human and environmental rights, especially of the Aymara and Quechua people of the Altiplano, among whom she lives.

Sister Lucia Yu, M.M., is a physician who has treated the sick and infirm in Tanzania, Kenya, her native Korea and the Maryknoll Sisters Center. A convert to Catholicism from Buddhism, her work has earned her many awards, including the Korean Medical Association's Medical Service Award in 2005.

25 YEARS

Sister Margaret Lacson, M.M., has worked for the empowerment of women wherever she has served. She is co-founder of the Kalakasan Migrant Women Empowerment Center, Kanagawa, Japan. She has worked at women's shelters in Kamakura, Kyoto and Yokohama, and

with orphans there. She is a native of the Philippines.

Sister Euphrasia Nyaki, M.M., is coordinator of the Afya Holistic Health Center, Joao Pessoa, Brazil, where she works in trauma healing with individuals and groups. A graduate of Teachers Training College, Chang'ombe, Tanzania, she has worked at Newburgh Ministry.

Sister Delia Smith, M.M., is dedicated to the care of HIV patients and their families. She served them in Newburgh and in Guatemala. In Guatemala she co-founded and directs Proyecto Vida and St. Mary's HIV Hospice Center in Coatapeque. She is a native of Lancashire, England.

70 YEARS

Sister Mary Aulson, M.M.
Sister Camille Marie Black, M.M.
Sister Louise Bullis, M.M.
Sister Cecile Therese Burton, M.M.
Sister Maria Rosario Daley, M.M.
Sister Marie Noel Devine, M.M.
Sister Doretta Leonard, M.M.
Sister Marie Morgan, M.M.
Sister Joan Ratermann, M.M.
Sister M. Katherine Razwad, M.M.
Sister Maria Rieckelman, M.M.
Sister Gloria Ryan, M.M.
Sister Kathryn Shannon, M.M.

Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm

60 YEARS

Sister M. Helena Therese of St. Joseph Horan, O. Carm., has provided pastoral care at Mary Manning Walsh Home, Manhattan, since 2005. She was a nurse at two other nursing homes, Ferncliff Residence, Rhinebeck, 1967-1980, and Carmel Richmond, Staten Island, 1981-1983. She was born in Ireland.

Sister M. Kevin Patricia of St. Joseph O'Brien, O. Carm., has served in the medical records department at Mary Manning Walsh Home since

2001, and also served at the nursing home, 1960-1968 and 1958. She served at St. Patrick's Home, the Bronx, in the early 1970s. The New York City native has served in nursing and administrative positions at other nursing homes.

Dominican Sisters of Hope
60 YEARS

Sister Joann Boneski, O.P., taught at Holy Family School, New Rochelle, and was principal at Guardian Angel School, Manhattan, for 20 years. She was a consultant to the Archdiocesan Department of Education. She serves on the board of trustees of Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh and was on the board of trustees for the National Catholic Development Conference. She was originally a Newburgh Dominican.

Sister Noreen Conheeny, O.P., taught at elementary schools in New Jersey and was director of religious education at a parish in Toms River, N.J. She also was a special education teacher in New Jersey. She was originally a Newburgh Dominican.

Sister Helen Demboski, O.P., resides in Mount Vernon. She was an adjunct professor at Dutchess Community College and Redemptorist Fathers Seminary. She worked in adult faith formation and lay leadership in the archdioceses of New York and Philadelphia and the dioceses of Paterson and Camden, both in New Jersey. She was an associate director at the Leadership Council of

Women Religious. She was originally a Newburgh Dominican.

Sister Jean Meyer, O.P., started teaching at St. Patrick's School, Newburgh, in 1955. After teaching in New Jersey and Florida, she served as the archivist for the Dominican Sisters of Hope. She keeps active by composing and printing Mass booklets used by the congregation. She was originally a Newburgh Dominican.

Sister Catherine Ortiz, O.P., brings Communion to the home-bound and the sick in her native Puerto Rico. She taught, served as a principal and religious education coordinator in Puerto Rico since 1961. She began her ministry at St. Joseph Day Nursery, Manhattan. She was originally a Newburgh Dominican.

Sister Dawn Redmond, O.P., taught at SS. John and Paul School, Larchmont, and did volunteer work as a teacher at San Miguel Academy, Newburgh. She was initially a Newburgh Dominican.

Sister Mary Anthony Schmit-tauer, O.P., taught throughout New Jersey and served as the coordinator of religious education and parish manager for St. Joseph's in Toms River N.J. She was originally a Newburgh Dominican.

Sister Anne Joachim Vari, O.P., taught and served as a principal at schools in New Jersey. She retired in 2007 and lives at the Wartburg, Mount Vernon. She was initially a Newburgh Dominican.
50 YEARS

Sister Bette Ann Jaster, O.P., is involved in environmental sustainability. A registered nurse, she did nursing in Harlem and Hampton Bays. She was co-founder of Harlem's Resurrection House Family Service Center; a community organizer at Newburgh Ministry; and co-founder of EarthLinks in Denver, Colo. For her religious community, she directed communications, vocations and formation and served in congregational leadership. She was initially a Dominican Sister of the Sick Poor.

Sister Lucy Povilonis, O.P., taught at Christ the King School, Yonkers; SS. John and Paul, Larchmont, and St. Joseph's, New Windsor. She was principal of St. Joseph's School and St. John's, Goshen, and she served on the staff of the House of Prayer, Newburgh. She was initially a Newburgh Dominican.

Sister Maureen Sullivan, O.P., has been an associate professor of theology at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., since 1989. She taught at Nativity School, the Bronx; Bishop Dunn Memorial School, Newburgh; and Holy Family School, New Rochelle. She was academic dean for freshmen at Fordham University's Rose Hill Campus. She was initially a Newburgh Dominican.

70 YEARS
Sister Sylvia Bielen, O.P.
Sister Frances Irene Fair, O.P.
Sister Lorraine Gallagher, O.P.
Sister Gertrude Gaudette, O.P.

Sister Mary Aquin McDonald, O.P.
Sister Anne Francis McNally, O.P.
Sister Jean Lawrence Strack, O.P.

Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Springs, Bridgeport, Conn.
50 YEARS

Sister Martha Kunesh, O.P., who is assistant principal of St. Vincent Ferrer High School, Manhattan, was born in Columbus, Ohio, where she was educated by the Dominican Sisters and entered religious life after high school. She taught math at high schools in Steubenville and Columbus, Ohio, and West Hartford, Conn., serving as an administrator at the latter two. She was director of candidates for her congregation. She served for 20 years as principal of Dominican Academy, Manhattan, as it twice earned the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon of Excellence. In 2009, she made vows in a new Dominican community, Our Lady of the Springs.

Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt
75 YEARS


Sister Jean Beagan, O.P., who is retired, provides support services at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt. She was co-director of the Dominican Reflection Center, Ossining, 1978-1986. In the Bronx, she taught and was a guidance counselor at St. Pius V High School, 1958-1969; taught at St. Mary's School, 1955-1958; St. Mary Star of the Sea, City Island, the Bronx; and was education and health coordinator therapist at St.

Dominic's Home, 1969-1978. The Bronx native also taught in Rhode Island and served on Long Island.

60 YEARS
Sister Evelyn Cirvello, O.P., formerly known as Sister Stella, is librarian and tutor at Christ the King School, the Bronx. She was a pastoral associate in the Bronx at St. Lucy's parish, 2000-2009; Holy Rosary, 1988-1995; and Our Lady of the Assumption, 1979-1981. She served at St. Dominic's Home, 1975-1987. She taught at St. Anselm's, the Bronx, 1959-1965 and 1972-1975; St. Peter's, Liberty, 1963-1967; and St. Benedict's, the Bronx, 1967-1972.

Sister Mechtilde Doherty, O.P., who retired last year, continues as housekeeping supervisor at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt. The Bronx native taught at SS. Philip and James School, the Bronx, for most of her career, 1972-2014. She taught at Our Saviour, the Bronx, 1969-1972, and St. Catharine's, Blauvelt, 1960-1969.

Sister Julia O'Brien, O.P., who is retired, provides support services at St. Dominic's Convent. She served her community as infirmarium administrator, 1998-2001, leadership councilor, 1993-1998, and motherhouse administrator, 1988-1993. She worked at St. Dominic's Home as cottage mother, 1969-1975. She was campus minister at Dominican College, Orangeburg, 1986-1988. She taught in the Bronx at St. Pius
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SISTERS OF BON SECOURS, USA

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V, 2001-2011; Holy Spirit, 1965-1969; and St. Anselm's, 1959-1965. The Bronx native was a teacher and counselor at New Hope Manor Drug Rehabilitation Center, 1975-1978.

Sister Rose Ellen Gorman, O.P., serves as administrator of St. Martin de Porres Infirmary at St. Dominic's Convent, Blauvelt; she was assistant administrator, 2007-2014. She served her community as councilor on the leadership team, 1999-2005, and secretary general, 1993-1999. She was education coordinator at Siena House, the Bronx, 1992-1993. She was principal of St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School, the Bronx, 1979-1992, and taught there, 1969-1972. She taught at Our Saviour, the Bronx, 1959-1967, and St. Margaret's, Pearl River, 1967-1969. She was a principal in Florida. Born in the Bronx, she was formerly known as Sister Ann Rosaire.

Sister Joseph Mary Mahoney, O.P., who retired in 2013, served as president of the Friends of St. Dominic's Home, 2005-2013. She was executive director of St. Dominic's Home, 1978-2005, and assistant director, 1977-1978. She was principal and teacher at St. Dominic's, Blauvelt, 1970-1977. She taught at St. Martin de Porres, Poughkeepsie, 1965-1970, and St. Luke's, the Bronx, 1959-1961. The Bronx native also taught in New Jersey.

50 YEARS

Sister Jean Graffweg, O.P., has served as director of House on the Hill Agri-Business Child Development Center in Goshen, a migrant/seasonal Head Start Center, since 1993. She taught kindergarten children of migrant farm workers there, 1981-1993. The Bronx native also taught in Florida and Rhode Island.

Sister Ellenrita Purcaro, O.P., is director of the Empowerment Center at Harmony Farm, Goshen. She served at the Highbridge Community Life Center in the Bronx beginning in 1993 as assistant to the director; director of administrative services, 1999-2002; director of program operations, 2002-2007, and executive director, 2007-2013. She served as the congregation's formation director, 1987-1993. She was director of personnel at Dominican College, 1985-1987. At St. Dominic's Home,

Blauvelt, she was assistant director at the Intermediate Career Facility (ICF), 1980-1985, and unit supervisor, 1971-1980. The Bronx native taught at St. Columba's School, Hopewell Junction, 1969-1971.

25 YEARS

Sister Lauria Fitzgerald, O.P., works and lives with the poor and homeless. The Bronx native is a housing specialist with Siena House there, and is coordinator of the Tolentine Food Pantry of Sacred Heart Church in the High-bridge section of the Bronx.

65 YEARS

Sister Catherine Downing, O.P.
Sister Vincent Cirelli, O.P.

40 YEARS

Sister Patricia Howell, O.P.
Sister Maureen Murphy, O.P.

*Dominican Sisters of Sparkill***75 YEARS**

Sister Cecilia McCarthy, O.P., served in the archdiocese as an elementary and high school teacher. From 1960 to 1967 she served the congregation as novice director. From 1967-2001 she was administrator at St. Martin of Tours School, the Bronx. She lives in Siena Hall at Dominican Convent, Sparkill.

Sister Jeanne Clare Scheer, O.P., served in the archdiocese at St. Helena's School, the Bronx, 1949-1954, and at many schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Mo. From 1978 to 2005 she was a religious education coordinator and served as a pastoral associate at St. Richard parish in St. Louis. In 2005 she returned to Dominican Convent, where she lives in Siena Hall.

Sister Barbara Travers, O.P., formerly known as Sister Roseann, ministered most of her religious life in St. Louis, Mo., as an elementary school teacher. In 1983 she returned to the motherhouse and served as a pastoral minister until her retirement in 1997. She lives in Siena Hall at Dominican Convent.

Sister Judith Maender, O.P., was an elementary and high school teacher for 47 years. She worked primarily in the Archdiocese of St.

Louis with a few years in the east. In 1989 she went to Harve, Mont., to work with the Native American community. She was a dynamic presence to the people she served, leaving St. Jude's Church after 17 years of committed service. She is living in Siena Hall at Dominican Convent.

60 YEARS

Sister James Louise Downey, O.P., has been a teacher for most of her religious life. She taught in the archdiocese in St. Theresa's, the Bronx, 1958-1960, and then for 14 years in Missouri and 32 years in San Diego, where she now resides. She is involved in prayer ministry.

Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P., formerly known as Sister Theresa Deborah, is vice chancellor of the archdiocese and resides in the Bronx. She taught in the archdiocese at St. Agnes, Sparkill; St. Helena's, the Bronx; St. Catherine of Siena, Manhattan; St. Pius X, Scarsdale; and Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx, where she was principal, 1979-1993. From 1993 to 2002, she was associate vicar of education.

Sister Barbara Jane Falloon, O.P., taught in the archdiocese at St. Helena's and St. Martin of Tours, both the Bronx; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown; Sacred Heart, Suffern; and Holy Name of Jesus, New Rochelle. She taught in the Diocese of Brooklyn and in eastern Maryland. She was coordinator of religious education at Holy Name of Jesus parish, New Rochelle, from 1997 until retiring in 2014. She lives in Siena Hall at Dominican Convent.

Sister Carolyn Wolfbauer, O.P., formerly known as Sister Sebastian, is completing her second term on the leadership team of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill. She taught in the archdiocese at St. Agnes, Sparkill; St. John Chrysostom, Bronx; and Cathedral High School, Manhattan. She has also taught in Fulton, and in St. Louis, Mo. From 1979 to 2004 she was administrator at St. Dominic's High School in O'Fallon, Mo. She resides at Dominican Convent.

Sister Dolores Fischer, O.P., formerly known as Sister Francis Edward, taught in the archdiocese at St. Catherine of Siena, Manhattan; St. Joseph's, St. Helena's, Our Lady of Grace and St. Brendan, all the Bronx, and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarsdale. She also taught in Brooklyn. In 2009 she retired to Dominican Convent.

Sister John Rose Hartling, O.P., taught in the archdiocese at St. Agnes, Sparkill, and Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia. She was assistant principal at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie, and John A. Coleman High School, Hurley. From 2003 to 2010 she was an adjunct professor at Marist College, Poughkeepsie. She taught math at Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville, 1967-1998. For the past 17 years she has lived at Villa St. Joseph, Saugerties.

Sister Margaret Strychalski, O.P., formerly known as Sister Raymond Mary, taught at St. Helena's, the Bronx; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown, and St. James the Apostle, Carmel. From 1978 to 2010 she was

principal at Most Precious Blood, Walden. She also taught in Brooklyn. In 2010 she retired to Dominican Convent where she assists in the congregation's Development Office.

Sister Martha Marie Jaegers, O.P., formerly known as Sister Martha Anne, taught in the archdiocese at St. Rita's, the Bronx; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown, and Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia. She has also taught in St. Louis, and was principal of a school in Jefferson City, Mo. She is working as an adult education and literacy instructor in public schools in St. Louis, where she resides.

Sister Joan O'Connor, O.P., formerly Sister Peter Noreen, taught in the archdiocese at St. Martin of Tours School, the Bronx, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown. She taught in the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre dioceses. From 1989 to 2005 she was outreach coordinator at Holy Family parish, in Hicksville. Now retired, she offers community service at Dominican Convent, where she resides.

Sister Margaret Hanratty, O.P., formerly known as Sister Miriam James, taught in the archdiocese at Sacred Heart School, Suffern; St. Brendan's, the Bronx; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarsdale; and St. John Chrysostom and St. Raymond, both the Bronx. She also was assistant director of St. Rita's Immigration Center, the Bronx, 1985-1989. From 1990 to 2010 she was pastoral minister and then chaplain at St. Barnabas Hospital, the Bronx. Now retired, she does volunteer work and resides in the Bronx.

Sister Stephen Gerard Miick, O.P., has been the principal since 1974 of St. Paul's School, Valley Cottage, where she resides. She has taught in the archdiocese at St. Agnes, Sparkill, and St. Brendan, the Bronx. She also taught in the Albany Diocese.

Sister Jeanne Armeno, O.P., formerly known as Sister Frances Marie, taught in the archdiocese at St. Rita's and St. Martin of Tours, both the Bronx, and Sacred Heart, Suffern, 1970-2004. She also taught in Fulton and Norwich. For 10 years, she has been a teacher's aide at St. Gregory Barbarigo School, Garnerville. She resides at Dominican Convent.

Sister Annette Bate, O.P., formerly known as Sister Annette Elizabeth, is retired and residing in the Bronx. She taught in the archdiocese at Our Lady of Grace and St. Helena's, both in the Bronx, and Sacred Heart, Suffern. From 1970 to 1984 she was a guidance counselor at Aquinas High School, the Bronx. From 1983 to 2013 she was co-director of Family Counseling Service, director of Siena Counseling Center and a therapist at New Beginnings.

50 YEARS

Sister Mary Jane Bookstaver, O.P., formerly known as Sister Jane Therese, A native of St. Louis, Mo., who now resides in Ballwin, Mo., she has been a teacher, nurse and administrator. She has taught at St. Gregory Barbarigo School, Garnerville, 1967-1973, and at a school in St. Louis, 1973-77. From 1978 to the present

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The Dominican Sisters of Hope
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Consecrated Life's Abundant Graces

By **SISTER CATHERINE CLEARY, P.B.V.M.**

At the November 2013 meeting of Union of Superior Generals in Rome, Pope Francis was invited to give a short welcome and greeting. What began as a formal invitation ended up as a frank and honest conversation between the men's religious superiors from around the world and Pope Francis. Being a religious himself, Pope Francis used his own experience as a Jesuit to challenge those gathered to look to the future where the Spirit is sending consecrated persons to do even greater things. At the end of a three-hour sharing, Pope Francis announced that 2015 would be a year dedicated to all forms of consecrated life—religious sisters and brothers, consecrated virgins, hermits and religious orders of men (priests and brothers). Thus was born *The Year of Consecrated Life*.

The year's aims are three-fold. Religious are encouraged to awaken the world by being witnesses of a different way of doing, acting and living. Religious are challenged to go after the stranger, to walk with people in their darkness and pain, to incarnate the values of Jesus, and to announce the spirit of the Gospel in situations many may prefer to ignore. Clearly, Pope Francis has challenged religious to deepen the living of consecrated life and to have the joy of the Gospel

fill their hearts and lives.

The second objective is to *"look not only at the glorious history of religious life in the past, but also the great history still to come."* (Vita Consecrata) As religious look back at the 50th anniversary of the publication of the decree on the renewal of consecrated life, *Perfectae Caritatis*, they do so in light of the mission and ministries entrusted to them by their founders and foundresses and where they need to be today to keep alive the charism of their community.

The third objective "to embrace the future with hope" calls consecrated persons who live in the uncertainties of our global world to be prophets of joy who are conscious that the Holy Spirit continues to spur them to find new ways of living the Gospel among all God's people. In short, religious are challenged to "Wake Up the World" with a prophetic witness that recalls the works of their founders and foundresses, who went beyond themselves and gave their lives for the sake of others.

The diversity of charisms within the 112 religious communities (sisters and brothers) and the 27 orders of religious priests and brothers within the New York Archdiocese continues to spread light and hope for many people. Men and women religious in this archdiocese plant the Gospel in city neighborhoods, rural areas and suburbia

through their presence, prayer and apostolic works. Religious care for the sick, educate children and adults, speak through the mass media, and promote peace, justice and reconciliation. Today religious give life to their charisms in many different ways but especially in the moral use of their influence to change systems and prejudices.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, men and women religious look to renew the fire that drove their founders, the fire that attracted them to consecrated life, the fire for the mission of the Gospel that is their prophetic witness and the fire within that is capable of igniting their deepest desire to be radical followers of Jesus. In their concern for the needs of the world and in listening to the promptings of the Spirit, the Year of Consecrated Life will be a year rich in God's graces for all.

Sister Catherine Cleary, P.B.V.M., is vicar for religious for the archdiocese.

Men and women religious in this archdiocese plant the Gospel in city neighborhoods, rural areas and suburbia through their presence, prayer and apostolic works.

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MARY DIBIASE BLAICH

HOUSE CALL—Sister Donna Dodge, S.C., CEO and executive director of the Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation, center, enjoys conversation and camaraderie with Albert Abdelmesih and his wife, Lourice Tadros. The couple, who are Egyptian and Coptic Orthodox, reside at Markham Gardens Manor in West Brighton, Staten Island, one of the independent living facilities the congregation operates.

By **CHRISTIE L. CHICOINE**

Helping men, women and children in need find suitable quarters to dwell never ceases to make the big heart of Sister Donna Dodge, S.C., swell.

She believes having a roof over one's head is a God-given right and that helping to secure that right for those who can't is the responsibility of all one's brothers and sisters in Christ.

As CEO and executive director of the Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation, Sister Donna oversees 11 sites in Manhattan, Rockland County and Staten Island that together provide 625 units of clean, safe, affordable housing to more than 800 residents comprised of families, seniors and others in need.

The religious congregation began its housing ministry in 1986. Its newest site, Markham Gardens Manor on Staten Island, opened in the summer of 2013 and gave preference to those left homeless by Hurricane Sandy the previous fall.

"This is just one of many ways that Sisters of Charity respond to the signs of the times," Sister Donna said.

Whether through private or government funding, everyone should have a place to live, "especially when some people have the advantage of multiple dwellings," not all of which are in use, she added.

The most satisfying aspect of her duties, Sister Donna said, is hearing happy residents claim, "This is the safest, cleanest housing I have ever had in my life."

"In a way, that's a sad commentary," she concedes, "because they're probably in their 70s and 80s, but it's certainly, from a ministry point of view, a very

satisfying thing to hear—that, not me, but that our congregation is able to help people. At the same time, there are thousands of people out there for whom safe, affordable housing is not a possibility."

That reality is both sad and frustrating, Sister Donna said, "because it's so difficult to put up more units."

Years-long waiting lists prevent her from immediately placing people who walk through her door desperate for a place to live.

But there is hope. The average person in the pew can help make safe, affordable housing a reality for the less fortunate, Sister Donna assures, by passing connections along to the Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation, namely people or corporations who are interested in working with them.

Also on the director's wish list are emergency funds to assist those with special, one-time needs, and a pastoral minister who can provide spiritual outreach, such as prayer and bereavement support groups, to the residents of varied denominations.

Sister Donna dispelled some common misconceptions about affordable housing residents, such as that they are uneducated and have always been poor.

She cited as an example a resident who had been a nurse at the Sisters of Charity-run St. Vincent's Hospital, which closed in 2010. The woman, now elderly, "wound up living on the streets," Sister Donna said. "You're talking about somebody who was well-educated, who had a good job and a good home... Somehow, she made her way through our system or through the system and wound up in one of our houses. You're just grateful that happened for her."

During the universal Church's celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life, which began in Novem-

ber and continues until Feb. 2, 2016, Sister Donna is reflecting on the treasures of religious life and being thankful for those who have accompanied her on the journey.

Sister Donna, 66, entered the Sisters of Charity of New York at Mount St. Vincent in 1966 and made final vows on her 30th birthday in 1978.

Raised in the Bronx at St. Rita's and Holy Cross parishes, she credits her interest in becoming a woman religious to the influence of the Sisters of Charity who taught her at Cardinal Spellman High School, also in the Bronx.

The young sisters who served the school were actually the first Sisters of Charity she had met. "They were just models of charity and goodness and compassion. It was through those women that I felt that call."

She entered the order with five friends. "I was the last one to decide. They said, 'Why don't you come along, we'll have a good time?' At that time, some of the sisters had me down as the first one to leave. They all left," she said of her Spellman classmates, "and I'm still here."

"I grew into the vocation," Sister Donna added. "I still thank those friends for calling me. And I still keep up with them."

The sense of peace that has prevailed throughout the years assures her she answered God's call correctly. "There's always an inspiration. When you're in community, when you're down, you always have people around who are up. When you're doubting, you always have people who are very faithful."

The people entrusted to her care have also propelled her, she said, in that "there are always needs to address...We're living in a very, very exciting time," she added of "the challenges on who we are and what we're called to do and be for other people."

Marist Brothers Building Community in East Harlem

By RON LAJOIE

The good thing about being a Marist Brother, explained Brother John Klein, F.M.S., is wherever a Marist goes around the world, with some 4,000 brothers active in 82 countries, there will be a community to welcome and accept him.

Community. It's what the Marists are all about. And right now in East Harlem three Marist Brothers—Brother Klein, from the United States, Brother Santos Garcia, F.M.S., from Spain via Ecuador where he has served for 40 years, and Brother Hector Dessavre, F.M.S., from Mexico—are building a new community where none had previously existed among recent immigrants from Mexico, Central and South America that have settled in that neighborhood, many of them undocumented and living in the shadows.

"It's completely unique in the sense that, one, it's responding to the critical needs of people in need, people on the margins," Brother Klein explained of Comunidad Juan Diego, based at Our Lady Queen of Angels School on East 112th Street. "The second way it's unique is that we are an international community of Marist Brothers. So it's very different even among the brothers. When we came together we didn't know each other. So it's learning to live Marist life in a very intentional way, a strong prayer life, strong faith and strong spirituality, learning and appreciating a variety of cultures and learning to work in a common cause."

Initially established by the Archdiocese of New York in 2013, the Marist Brothers took over operation of the Juan Diego community in September. The main organizing principle is teaching English as a second language (ESL), but the community offers much more.

"The needs are really very, very significant and the big hope is this is not just about providing services. It's about forming a community of friendship, support and faith," Brother Klein said. "It's learning English but it's also developing community and very strong friendships between and among the people. And I think that's really happened. The people are wonderful. They appreciate every single thing you do and there is a great spirit."

There are about 80 families involved in the programs the Juan Diego Community offers. Aside from English classes, there are craft classes, a discussion group and tutoring programs for students. A growing youth group meets on Friday evenings. Feast days from home are celebrated. Aside from the three Marist Brothers, there are 13 volunteers, many of them retired educators, tutoring, teaching ESL and leading other support groups. Brother Klein said parishioners at nearby St. Ignatius Loyola parish on Park Avenue have been greatly involved as tutors. The tutors work with the children of the community to bring their studies up to grade level or better.

But it is the social interaction, the spirituality, which sets the Juan Diego community apart from other ESL programs. During discussion sessions, called "sharing groups," community members are encouraged to talk about issues important to them: family, the challenges

of adjusting to life in a different, at times hostile, culture. It is a peer support group and is very popular.

"It's more than news or what you did today," Brother Garcia explained. "It goes much deeper. It's life. It's faith." Many members of the community come virtually every day to take part in one program or another. They all agree learning English is very important.

"When I go to the hospital I want to understand what the doctor says," explained Lorenza Sanchez, a mother of four from Mexico. "I have to (be able) to talk to my children's teachers to know how they are doing in school. In the house they speak English and I want to know what they are talking about. I enjoy Brother John's English classes because they don't sound like an English class, they sound like a homily."

But then they mention the social aspect. Coming to the school on East 112th Street is a way to escape the isolation and loneliness immigrants can feel.

Ms. Sanchez and Anna Rodriguez, a mother of two from Peru, have become fast friends. Ms. Rodriguez commutes from Queens. "I spend time with Lorenza, shopping or going to her home, just enjoying life," Ms. Rodriguez said with a smile. She said the program had literally given her "freedom."

Ignacia Gonzalez, a mother of three from Mexico, added, "First is learning English. Second is making friends in the community."

The Marists are looking at ways to bring more young adults, including men, into the fold. Brother Hector is

working with one young fellow, an indigenous man from Mexico, to teach him to read and write in Spanish. "He's a hard worker, and he's determined," Brother Klein said. "He's working in a Chinese restaurant receiving \$35 a day for 12 hours work. He's an intelligent guy and a really nice man. He heard we were here and he just showed up."

The project, with an operating budget this year of \$204,000, is funded by Fidelis Health Care, The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, The Marist Third World Fund, the Marist Brothers and archdiocesan fund-raising efforts. But that funding runs out in August.

"Currently Brother Santos and I are working on a grant proposal," Brother Klein said. "Going forward for the project to continue we're hoping there will be donors, foundations, people that will help us. But if we can't raise the money the program can't continue."

Without Comunidad Juan Diego, East Harlem might not look that different, at least not on the surface, not to an outsider. But then there is that youth group Brother Hector and Brother John started working with on Friday evenings.

"We started with 22. We're about 35 now," Brother Klein said. "It's a pretty big youth group. So we have these teenagers and we have discussions. We have prayer. We've had them here for an open gym night. They're in tough situations. And one night we had a conversation about what are the challenges of living in East Harlem and they just talked. The violence, gangs, drugs, trying to do their homework, family life, all the predictable things. But it was interesting when we ended the night the youth leader said, 'Let's finish with the Rosary.' So here we are. It's 8 o'clock on Friday night in the basement of St. Cecilia's Church with the kids, kneeling, at least 25 teenagers, saying the Rosary. 'I thought, 'If we weren't here this wouldn't have happened.'"



CHRIS SHERIDAN



AMONG FRIENDS—Marist Brothers John Klein, F.M.S., left, and Santos Garcia, F.M.S., right, teach English to recent immigrants from Latin America at Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem. Inset, Brother Hector Dessavre, F.M.S., left, is the third member of the Marist community at Queen of Angels. Though their programs they are seeking to build a community of friendship, faith and mutual support in East Harlem.

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she has served as an RN in critical care at St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis, and since 2003, she has been a physician's liaison at Corizon Heal in Creve Coeur, Mo.

Sister Patricia Conway, O.P., formerly known as Sister Thomas Christi, is a Bronx native who served as a teacher in the archdiocese at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1967-1968; Sacred Heart, Suffern, 1969-1978; and St. Augustine's, New City, 1978-1981. Since 1981 she has served at New Hope Manor, Barryville, a residential substance abuse treatment center, where she was a staff member for 31 years and executive director for the past three years. She resides in Barryville.

Sister Christine Ferrar, O.P., formerly known as Sister Joseph Martin, has served since 1992 as a teacher at St. Paul's Mission in Hays, Mont. A native of Brooklyn, she has taught in the archdiocese and in the Diocese of Great Falls/Billings, Mont. In New York she taught at St. Augustine, New City, 1967-1976, and Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1976-1980. After deciding to serve the Native American community, she taught at Hays/Lodge Pole High School, 1980-1992.

Sister Margaret Murphy, O.P., formerly known as Sister John Magdalene, resides in Bardonia. A native of the Bronx, she taught in the archdiocese at St. Agnes, Sparkill, 1967-1968; Sacred Heart, Monroe, 1969-1974;

and Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, 1974-1985. She was a programmer at religious computer systems and director of computer science at Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville, and a financial programmer/analyst at Insurance Services Office, Pearl River. From 1994-2000, she served in congregational leadership. Since 2001 she has been the finance officer for Leviticus 25:23 Alternative Funds.

70 YEARS

Sister Eileen Donovan, O.P.
Sister Marie Joseph Morahan, O.P.
Sister Margaret Harrison, O.P.
Sister Catherine Moran, O.P.
Sister Dorothy Russell, O.P.
Sister Jeanne Margaret Stoltz, O. P.
Sister Marie Louis Ruggeri, O.P.
Sister Ann Matthew O'Shea, O.P.

65 YEARS

Sister Anna Louisa Zummo, O.P.
Sister Dorothy Farley, O.P.
Sister Margaret Rita Bergin, O.P.
Sister Patricia Neary, O.P.
Sister Anne Tahaney, O.P.
Sister Virginia Kempf, O.P.
Sister Florence Flynn, O.P.
Sister Rose Respol, O.P.
Sister Bridget Kiniry, O.P.
Sister Rose Patrice Sasso, O. P.

Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, New Windsor**60 YEARS**

Sister Kathleen Cusack, P.B.V.M., formerly known as Sister Mary Stephanie, taught for many years at schools in the archdiocese. Starting in 1957 she taught in St. Jude's, Manhattan; Holy Rosary and St. Frances of Rome, both in the Bronx; John S. Burke Catholic High School, Goshen; and St. Michael's Academy, Manhattan, where she later returned as librarian and then principal. She was also librarian at St. Pius V High School and St. Raymond Elementary School, both in the Bronx; SS. Hilda and Hugh Episcopalian School, Manhattan; and St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie. For a time she directed the Washington Heights Senior Citizen Center. She also served in Howard Beach, Queens, and Houma, La.

70 YEARS

Sister Grace Gately, P.B.V.M.
Sister Mary McCarthy, P.B.V.M.

Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Tarrytown**75 YEARS**

Sister Maire McQuillan, R.S.H.M., was president of Marymount Academy, 1952-1958, and taught at Marymount College, 1959, both in Tarrytown. She served as president of Marymount College, 1960-1968. She was a spiritual director and retreat leader in Sag Harbor. She also did archives work in Tarrytown. The native of Ireland retired in 2009.

Sister Nancy O'Brien, R.S.H.M., served at Marymount Academy, Tarrytown, and the Academy of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Manhattan. She also served in Sag Harbor and in England and France. The native of Ireland retired in 2009.

60 YEARS

Sister Mary Louise Bloomingdale, R.S.H.M., a native New Yorker, has worked in the Office of the Province Archives at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown, since 2010. She taught at Mother Butler High School, the Bronx, 1964-1966. She taught in Garden City and Richmond, Va., and in France. She also served at a retreat house in Sag Harbor.

Sister Lucia Becerra, R.S.H.M., serves part time at the R.S.H.M. Life Center, Sleepy Hollow, helping with the Spanish-speaking Moms and Tots morning program. She served elderly and sick sisters in Sag Harbor until 1960 when she went to serve in California for 12 years. She did nursing at Cormaria Retreat House, Sag Harbor, and was a nursing assistant at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown, 1991-2005. The native of Colombia retired in 2012.

Sister Cecilia Camargo, R.S.H.M., spends hours volunteering at Tarry Hall, a nursing home in Tarrytown, and at the R.S.H.M. Life Center. She served at Cormaria Retreat House, 1980-1982. She then served at Marymount Convent doing domestic work, cooking and as a nurse's aide. She earlier did mission work in

her native Colombia.

Sister Agnes Cloonan, R.S.H.M., who is retired, assists at Cormaria Retreat House, Sag Harbor. She taught at St. Thomas Aquinas School, the Bronx, 1958-1965. She also taught in Brooklyn, Sag Harbor and Richmond, Va. She is a native of Ireland.

Sister Margaret Ellen Flannely, R.S.H.M., taught and held administrative positions at Marymount College, Tarrytown, for 40 years. She is completing a six-year term as a provincial councilor for the Eastern American Province. For six years, she was coordinator at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown, the R.S.H.M. health care and retirement center. She was formerly known as Sister Annunciation.

Sister Ellen Marie Keane, R.S.H.M., who retired in 2008, teaches English as a second language at Tarrytown Library and the RSHM Life Center, Sleepy Hollow. She has been a volunteer at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for Women. She taught philosophy for many years at Marymount College, Tarrytown. The native New Yorker served as the congregation's mistress of novices.

Sister Jacqueline Murphy, R.S.H.M., works as a staff nurse for Hospice Care of D.C. She also leads the chapel music at Marymount University, Arlington, Va., where she also previously taught. She earlier taught in Manhattan; Sag Harbor; Quebec, Canada; and Umtali, Africa. Born in New York City, she was formerly known as Sister Marie Xavier.

Sister Rosa Ramirez, R.S.H.M., retired in 2012 and lives at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown. She provided domestic service at Marymount Convent, Tarrytown; Sacred Heart of Mary School, Sag Harbor; St. Thomas Aquinas, the Bronx; and in Colombia.

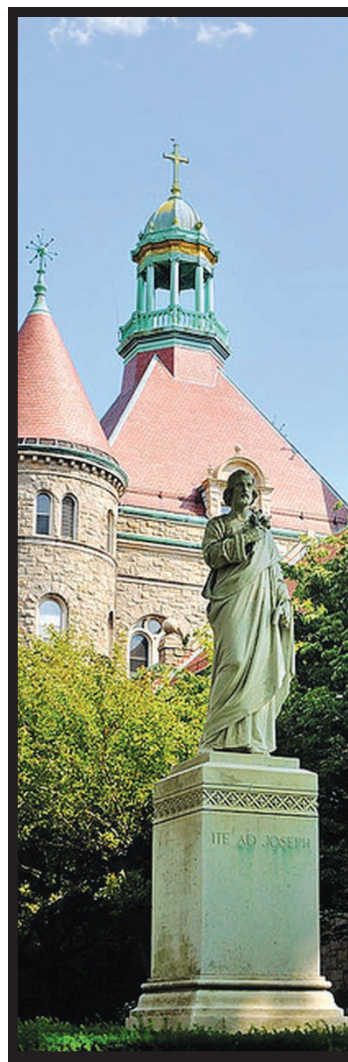
50 YEARS

Sister Margaret Hoyne, R.S.H.M., has worked in the after-school program at the R.S.H.M Life Center, Sleepy Hollow, since 2005. She taught and served as principal in Queens; Sag Harbor; St. Louis, Mo.; and Neuilly, France. A native of Ireland, she was formerly known as Sister de la Merci.

Sister Mary Lang, R.S.H.M., formerly known as Sister John Mark, is co-director of Centro Corazon de Maria in Hampton Bays, which serves immigrants. She ministered to developmentally handicapped adults and pregnant young women at Regina Residence in Merrick.

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary**60 YEARS**

Sister Maria Teresa de los Rios, F.M.M., a pastoral associate primarily for Spanish-speaking parishioners at Holy Name of Jesus, Manhattan, entered religious life in Pamplona, Spain. After serving several years at a papal office in Rome answering correspondence to the pope, she was sent to Divine Providence Child Care Shelter in Manhattan where she was a group mother and later a caseworker. She also was administrator and community



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coordinator at a residence in San Francisco, and did casework and pastoral care in Chicago and Waukegan, Ill.

Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary
70 YEARS

Sister Patricia Marie William, F.H.M.

40 YEARS

Sister Gertrude Ihenacho, F.H.M.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany
50 YEARS

Sister Eileen F. Lambert, O.S.F., a native of Wicklow, Ireland, was a nurse at Columbia Medical Center before entering religious life. After she retired from nursing, she became qualified in pastoral counseling and served in that capacity at St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan.

65 YEARS

Sister Catherine Moran, O.S.F.
Sister Margaret McManus, O.S.F.

Sisters of Charity of New York
60 YEARS

Sister Grayce Megna, S.C., served at St. Vincent Medical Center, Staten Island, as nursing supervisor and administrative assistant, among other duties, 1961-2007. She earlier served at St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan; New York Foundling Hospital; and Mary the Queen Convent, Yonkers. She was formerly known as Sister Miriam Bernard.

65 YEARS

Sister Mary T. Boyle, S.C.
Sister Mary Damian Gardner, S.C.
Sister Caroline McGinn, S.C.
Sister Grace Thérèse Murray, S.C.
Sister Miriam Kevin Phillips, S.C.

Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines), Monroe
80 YEARS

Sister Victoria Capaldo, C.S.A.C., served on the administrative team of St. Patrick's Villa, Harriman, 1995-2005. She was principal of St. Patrick's Semi-Military Academy, Harriman, 1975-1995 and 1945-1972. She taught in New Jersey and Maryland. Retired since 2005, she lives at Queen of the Apostles Convent, Monroe.

75 YEARS

Sister Johanna Mancuso, C.S.A.C., taught at St. Patrick's Semi-Military Academy, 1977-2001. Beginning in 1955 she taught at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, the Bronx. She also taught and did census work for parishes in Brooklyn, and was a principal in Maryland. Retired since 2003, she lives at Queen of the Apostles Convent.

50 YEARS

Sister Rita Mastrogiacomo, C.S.A.C., is

a provincial councilor of the community. She also serves at a parish in New Jersey. She served as novice director, and did social work at Astor Home, the Bronx. She was formation director in Canada. She served as a social worker in Brooklyn and in Canada. She taught in New Jersey.

School Sisters of Notre Dame
50 YEARS

Sister Grace D'Amico, S.S.N.D., is associate director of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Office of Educational Services in New Rochelle. She and her colleagues provide meetings, retreats, consultations and evaluation services for the Edmund Rice Consortium of Schools to foster their Catholic identity in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Congregation of Notre Dame Wilton, Conn.
60 YEARS

Sister Clare Kearney, C.N.D., served as a nurse, from 1978 to 1987, at St. Vincent's Medical Center, Staten Island; Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, the Bronx; and Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn. She was a school nurse at St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan, 1983-1984. She taught eighth grade at St. Columba's School, Manahattan, 1969. From 1984 to 2003 she volunteered and served in secretarial positions at schools. She resides at Andrus on Hudson.

Sister Barbara Costello, C.N.D., is a pastoral care minister at Andrus on Hudson in Hastings-on-Hudson. She taught at the Young Adult Learning Academy, 1986-2010. She served as assistant to the director of publications at the Center for Migration Studies, Staten Island, 1980, and taught business education at BHRAGS Inc. in Brooklyn, 1982. She taught social studies at Villa Maria Academy, the Bronx, 1971-1972, and also did tutoring at St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan. She taught in Maine and Connecticut and was a principal in Connecticut. She resides in Dobbs Ferry.

Sister Mary Caplice, C.N.D., is assistant principal of St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan. She served as associate to the provincial of the congregation, 1980-1988, and was provincial leader, 2005-2009. Beginning in 1964, she taught at Notre Dame Academy, Staten Island, and also chaired the history department until 1972. She taught in Connecticut, and served as principal and superintendent of schools in Florida. She resides at St. Jean Baptiste Convent, Manhattan.

50 YEARS

Sister Carolyn Kinnamon, C.N.D., is hospitality coordinator at Andrus on Hudson, where she resides. She taught at Notre Dame Academy, Staten Island, 1978-1985 and 1965-1966. She taught at St. Columba's School, Manhattan, 1969-1974. She was an assistant principal in Illinois; directed the congregation's visitation center in Ridgefield, Conn.; and then

did community service for the congregation in Canada, 2005-2007.

Sister Alla Anne Boyle, C.N.D., is coordinator of student sponsorship programs and financial aid at St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan. She was director of formation for the congregation, beginning in 1987 and was reappointed in 1990. She taught music at Notre Dame Academy on Staten Island, beginning in 1965, and taught English and was a guidance counselor there, 1969-1987, and also was assistant principal, 1983. She served at a parish in Brooklyn. She resides at St. Jean Baptiste Convent, Manhattan.

Sister Joan Curtin, C.N.D., has directed the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office since 1985. She was the director of catechist formation for the archdiocese, 1983-1985. She served as a part-time council member for the congregation, 2009-2013 and was reelected in 2013 to serve for another four years. She taught religion and Latin and chaired the religion department at St. Jean Baptiste High School, 1971-1982. She resides at St. Columba's Convent in Manhattan.

70 YEARS

Sister Marion Delmer, C.N.D.

Redemptoristine Nuns, Beacon
50 YEARS

Sister Lydia Jojo-Cruz, O.Ss.R., a native of Puerto Rico, entered the Redemptoristine contemplative community in Esopus; it is now located in Beacon. While serving her monastery in a variety of positions, her facility in the Spanish language was offered generously as secretary for general meetings and co-editor and translator for the journal of the international order. She currently resides at Lourdes Health Care, the infirmary of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Wilton, Conn.

65 YEARS

Sister Mary Anne Reed, O.Ss.R.

Society of the Holy Child Jesus, American Province
50 YEARS

Sister Barbara Bartlett, S.H.C.J., taught at the School of the Holy Child, Rye, 1971-1973 and 1977-1978. She also served in Ghana and Nigeria and worked with developmentally challenged adults in Washington, D.C. Since 2012,

she has assisted her community in Rye and volunteered with developmentally challenged adults and an anti-trafficking program.

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
60 YEARS

Sister Mary Louise Sullivan, M.S.C., a Poughkeepsie native, was principal and teacher in Sacred Heart Villa Academy, Dobbs Ferry, and St. Donato's School, Philadelphia. She was academic dean, 1970-1972, and president, 1972-1982, of Cabrini College, Radnor, Pa. She later was adjunct professor of history and political science. In 1984 she was appointed special assistant for the Office of

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Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 1984 she received her doctorate from Bryn Mawr College, which included writing a book on Mother Cabrini's work among Italian immigrants to the U.S. She directed the Institute for Ministry to Immigrants and Refugees, Philadelphia, 1988-1990. She was director of the Scalabrini Pastoral Institute Center for Migration Studies, Staten Island, 1990-1995. She retired in 2011.

70 YEARS

Sister Stephanie Kabacinski, M.S.C.
Sister Xavier Hayden, MSC

Society of the Sisters of St. Ursula 60 YEARS

Sister Barbara Blackman, S.U., taught at the Academy of St. Ursula and was a teacher and administrator at St. Joseph's School in Kingston. She also taught at Notre Dame School in Manhattan and was a guidance counselor at John A. Coleman Catholic High School in Hurley. She spent more than 10 years as a missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She served as a spiritual guide and retreat director at Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, where she is in residence.

Sister Maureen Davey, S.U., is a volunteer at Archcare Ferncliff in Rhinebeck, where she resides at Linwood Spiritual Center. She assisted in the archdiocesan catechetical program and served at Holy Trinity parish, Poughkeepsie, 1984-2002. She was assigned as a teacher and catechist at St. Joseph's School, Kingston, and also served at Notre Dame School, Manhattan. She also served in Milwaukee, Wis., and Providence, R.I. She resides at Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck.

Ursuline Nuns, Eastern U.S. Province, New Rochelle 60 YEARS

Sister Vera Marie deWolff, O.S.U., first taught at Ursuline Academy, Bethesda, Md., 1957-1960, and then at St. Joseph's Academy, Malone, 1960-1961. Since 1966 she served in Ursuline schools in Austria, first in Vienna and later in Salzburg, where she continues to serve.

Sister Marcia Kimball, O.S.U., was a computer programmer at the archdiocesan Data Systems Center, 1972-1984. She taught at Blessed Sacrament School, New Rochelle, 1955-1958; Ursuline Academy in Wilmington, Del., 1960-1964; St. Angela Merici School, the Bronx, 1964-1968, and Ursuline Academy in Bethesda, Md., 1968-1971. She has been a computer consultant at the

Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and at the Intercommunity Center for Justice and Peace, 1991-1996; LSA Family Health Services, East Harlem, 1999. She was archivist for the Archdiocesan Congregations of Women Religious (1998-2009). She is now province archivist. She has been a computer consultant to the community of St. Teresa's, New Rochelle.

Sister Jane Mennis, O.S.U., formerly Mother Mary Andrew, has served in education and pastoral ministry. She began teaching at St. Joseph's and Notre Dame School, both in Malone, then taught at the American School/Ursuline School in Athens, Greece, 1967-1970. She taught at The Ursuline School, New Rochelle, 1971-1974, and Blessed Sacrament, New Rochelle, 1974-1980, and became assistant principal of New Rochelle Catholic Elementary until 1983. She was director of religious education at Holy Spirit parish, the Bronx, and as pastoral associate in Chateaugay and Witherbee. Her volunteer work from 2003 to 2010 included the Children's Center at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and the Adult Learning Center, New Rochelle, and Eucharistic minister at an adult retirement facility. Now living at Andrus on Hudson, she sings in the choir.

Sister Kathleen O'Connell, O.S.U., formerly Mother Mary Nathanael, began teaching at The Ursuline School, New Rochelle. After five years there, she taught at Ursuline Academy in Dedham, Mass. She became superior of the Ursuline community in Bethesda, Md., where she taught at Ursuline Academy. She served as guidance counselor at The Ursuline School, New Rochelle, and then at Ursuline Academy in Wilmington, Del. From 1990 to 1996, she was assistant treasurer at the provincialate and then continued service to her community. She was a staff member at the Ursuline Center in Great Falls, Mont., 2001-2004. When she returned to the community of St. Teresa's, New Rochelle, she became a hospice volunteer at retirement home groups. She now does community service at St. Teresa's.

Sister Marjorie Stumpf, O.S.U., formerly known as Mother David Marie, taught at Ursuline Academy in Bethesda, Md., 1957-1958; Our Lady of Mercy School, the Bronx, 1958-1961; Notre Dame School and St. Joseph's Academy, both in Malone, 1961-1964. From 1964 to 1971 she taught at Ursuline schools in Bangkok and Chiangmai, Thailand. She then taught again in Malone and in Ogdensburg, and Dedham, Mass. After earning a master's in library science in 1990, she was librarian at St. Saviour High School, Brooklyn, 1991-1998, and St. Philip Neri School, the Bronx, 1998-2001. She was a docent for 13 years at

the New York Botanical Gardens.

50 YEARS

Sister Mary Virginia Orna, O.S.U., served as professor of chemistry at The College of New Rochelle, 1966-1997, and is scientist in residence.

She did ground-breaking research and continues to write papers and lecture on the chemistry of color. At the Chemical Heritage Foundation she became editor and director of educational service in 1997, and then a senior fellow and editor-at-large. From 2008 to 2014, she directed the website of the Roman Union in Rome. She returned to the community of St. Teresa's, New Rochelle.

Sister Joan Woodcome, O.S.U., formerly known as Mother Mary Anthony, has served primarily in education. In 1967 she taught at Blessed Sacrament School, New Rochelle. In 1971 she began her career at The Ursuline School, New Rochelle, where she taught for three years and then was assistant principal for 23 years. She worked in the school's finance office, 1998-2010, before she returned to teaching and directing special projects. She served on the board of trustees at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, the Bronx; Ursuline Academy, Wilmington, Del.; and The College of New Rochelle. She serves as a provincial counselor.

Sister Josephine De Pietro, O.S.U., began teaching at St. Joseph's School, Middletown, 1968-1970. She taught for 29 years at St. Philip Neri, the Bronx, until 1999. She then was a teacher's aide at St. Ann's School, the Bronx, for six years. During these years she was a member of the Bedford Park community, the Bronx. In 1993, she took part in the Angela Program in Italy where participants studied and visited places where St. Angela had lived. Now retired, she serves the newly formed community at the Ursuline Province Center, New Rochelle.

Sister Bernadette MacKay, O.S.U., began her ministry in education in Georgetown, Guyana, where she taught and served as a principal. She became a principal in Barbados and in Caracas, Venezuela, serving also as superior of those communities. From 1985 to 1987, she taught at St. Angela Merici School and Our Lady of Mercy, both in the Bronx. She was a youth coordinator in Apopka, Fla., with the Office of Farm Workers, 1987-1991. She then became co-director of the World Missions Office in the Diocese of Orlando, which she has directed since 1992.

70 YEARS

Sister Anne Curry, O.S.U.
Sister Irene Mahoney, O.S.U.

MEN RELIGIOUS

Marist Brothers

60 Years

Brother James Adams, F.M.S., a Bronx native, is community director of the Marist Brothers' Champagnat Hall for senior brothers, the Bronx, where he was director, beginning in 2009. He spent more than 25 years serving at schools in the Philippines. He was chaplain at Beth Israel Medical Center and director of pastoral care at Mary Manning Walsh Nursing Home, Manhattan. He was senior brothers' liaison for the Province of the United States.

Brother Thomas Delaney, F.M.S., served as a principal and a teacher in Marist schools in New Jersey and Texas. He was assistant principal and dean at John A. Coleman High School, Hurley, 1985-1989. He taught at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, 1989-2002. He is retired and resides at Champagnat Hall, the Bronx. He was born in New York City.

Brother John Malich, F.M.S., who does retreat work and social work, resides at a Marist community in the Bronx. He served as provincial, vice provincial, master of novices and formation and vocation director of the Marist Brothers' Poughkeepsie Province. He was a guidance counselor at Mount St. Michael Academy, in the Bronx, 1995-1998. From 1998 to 2003, he served at the Marist Retreat Center, Esopus. He was born in Mount Vernon.

50 YEARS

Brother James Devine, F.M.S., taught at Mount St. Michael Academy, the Bronx in the late 1970s and 2000-2006. He taught at Marist high schools in Oregon and Illinois, and in Japan. He taught at St. Agnes Boys High School, Manhattan, 1994-2000. The New York City native lives at a Marist community in Pelham and is a Eucharistic minister and volunteers at Mount St. Michael Academy.

Brother Joseph Matthews, F.M.S., is on the staff of Marist Brothers' Retreat House, Esopus, and volunteers at the Marist Finance Office, the Bronx. He was assistant principal and president of Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie, 1994-1996. He taught at Marist schools in New Jersey and Texas. A native of Kingston, he resides at Champagnat Hall in the Bronx, where he is a staff member.

70 YEARS

Brother Francis Klug, F.M.S.

Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, New Rochelle

80 YEARS

Brother Herbert Basil Heaphy, C.F.C., taught at Iona College, New Rochelle, 1961-1993. He taught at Power Memorial Academy, Manhattan, 1957-1961; Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, 1950-1953 and 1943-

1946; and All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1946-1950 and 1938-1942.

75 YEARS

Brother Martin Damian McCullagh, C.F.C., served as an admissions counselor at Iona College, New Rochelle, 1971-1993. He taught English and was a guidance counselor at high schools in the archdiocese: Msgr. Farrell, Staten Island, 1981-1986; Cardinal Hayes/St. Helena's Annex, the Bronx, 1968-1974; Blessed Sacrament, New Rochelle, 1974-1981 and 1966-1968. He also taught at Sacred Heart Grammar School, Manhattan, 1950-1952.

Brother Walter Rudolph Youngmans, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese at All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1945-1948. Most of his years as an educator were spent at schools in the Midwest, West and in Hawaii.

60 YEARS

Brother Thomas Conan Armstrong, C.F.C., served at Sacred Heart Grammar School, Manhattan, 1958-1959. He spent most of his years serving in the West Indies.

Brother Gordon Theodore Bassett, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese during his formation, and then in Canada and the West Indies.

Brother Robert Damian Burke, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese as an English teacher at Rice High School, Harlem, 1984-1985; Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx,

1980-1983; and Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island, 1966-1977. Now retired, he was province director of communications and public relations, 1999-2005.

Brother Eugene Owen Carty, C.F.C., is a guidance counselor at Brother Rice High School, Chicago. He was a teacher at All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1959-1963. He served primarily in the Midwest and West.

Brother William Paul Cronin, C.F.C., who is retired, served across the United States. In New York, he served at Rice High School, Harlem, 1998-2002 and 1976-1980; Power Memorial Academy, Manhattan, 1982-1984; and Blessed Sacrament High School, New Rochelle, 1980-1982. He was in residence at the Waterford Formation Community, Mount Vernon, 2008-2009.

Brother John Edward Dornbos, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese during his formation, and then from New Jersey to Hawaii.

Brother John Hugh Greenan, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese during his formation, and since has served in Midwest and West.

Brother Thomas Eugene Guihen, C.F.C., was a teacher and a guidance counselor. He served at Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx, 1980-1982; Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle, 1973-1980; Rice High School, Harlem, 1970-1973; All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1967-1970; and Cardinal Hayes/St.

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Helena's Annex, 1963-1967, and Iona Grammar School, New Rochelle, 1959-1961. He also served across the United States.

Brother Thomas Cassian Mahoney, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese during his formation, and spent most of his ministry in Illinois.

Brother Donald John McGovern, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese during his formation. He has served in Canada and the Midwest and West regions of the United States.

50 YEARS

Brother Edward E. Bergeron, C.F.C., has served at the Center for Catholic Lay Leadership in Peru, and in South Carolina.

Brother Kevin Gennaro Cawley, C.F.C., is coordinator for justice and peace and integrity of creation and represents the Brothers at the United Nations, a position he has held since 2005. He is also working with the Thomas Berry Forum at Iona College. He taught English at Power Memorial Academy, Manhattan, 1975-1981, and did admissions work at Iona College, New Rochelle, 1981-1994. He was on the province leadership team, 1999-2005.

Brother Gordon Edmund Conti, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese during his formation and then ministered in Canada.

Brother David Patrick Murphy, C.F.C., served in the archdiocese during his formation and then ministered in Canada.

Brother John Jude Corcoran, C.F.C., taught English at All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1976-1983. He also coached track and baseball. He served primarily in the eastern U.S.

Brother John Anthony Reynolds, C.F.C., has chaired the fine arts department at Iona Grammar School, New Rochelle, since 2000. He also served there, 1969-1974. He served at Iona College, 1999-2000; Sacred Heart Grammar School, Manhattan, 1975-1999; and All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1974-1975.

Brother John Xavier Sullivan, C.F.C., is serving in Peru doing outreach projects for the poor. He taught Spanish at All Hallows High School, the Bronx, 1987-2002.

70 YEARS

Brother Thomas Paul Draney, C.F.C.

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Brother Gerald Francis Murray, C.F.C.

Brother Edward Bosco Wakeham, C.F.C.

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

60 YEARS

Brother David Detje, F.S.C., has served since 1990 as a computer, math, religion and science teacher at De La Salle Academy, Manhattan. He served as provincial and as a teacher in Rhode Island; executive director of a service center and principal and vice principal of a school, both in Astoria, Queens; and as a teacher in Troy.

50 YEARS

Brother Charles Barbush, F.S.C., has

served since 2007 on the education faculty of Manhattan College. He has served as a librarian, teacher, assistant principal, principal and director of religious education in New Jersey, and as a media director and teacher in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Brother John Bassett, F.S.C., served as hospital chaplain at Memorial Sloan Kettering, Manhattan, 1993-1995. He taught at La Salle Academy, Manhattan, 1991-1992, and Sacred Heart High School, Yonkers, 1977-1982. Since 2011, he has been a chaplain at the Hopkins Center at Bishop Mugavero Nursing Home, Brooklyn, where he was director of pastoral care, 1995-2011.

Brother Robert Ferguson, F.S.C., has been a professor at the ASA Institute, Manhattan, since 2009. He was an English as a second language teacher at Zoni Language, Manhattan, 2005-2009. He taught in Brooklyn, Oakdale and Manchester, N.H. He served in administration in West Islip; was principal in East Elmhurst, Queens; and was director of his religious community in Rhode Island.

Brother Philip Zeller, F.S.C., served as a technology director and religious educator and teacher in Brooklyn; was vice president of formation and director of vocations in Rhode Island; taught in Connecticut and served in New Mexico. He is on sabbatical at the brothers' community at Manhattan College.

40 YEARS

Brother Robert Berger, F.S.C.

*Franciscan Friars, Holy Name Province,
Manhattan*

50 YEARS

Father Brian Cullinane, O.F.M., of Boston

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Father Andrew Reitz, O.F.M., of Manhattan

Father Xavier Seubert, O.F.M., of Manhattan

Father Patrick Sieber, O.F.M., of Philadelphia

25 YEARS

Father David Blake, O.F.M., of Allegany

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