

Jubilee 2017

Celebrating 80, 70 and 60 Years of Consecrated Life

Jubilarians who reached milestones of 80, 70 and 60 years of consecrated life on February 2 of this year include: Sr. Marie Franck who will be 99 years old in April and entered the Novitiate at 19 years old celebrates 80 years; Sr. Emma Rohn who will be 90 in June and entered the Novitiate at 20 years old celebrates 70 years; and Sr. Agnes Bracken who will be 80 years old in July and entered the Novitiate at 20 years old celebrates 60 years.

Sr. Marie Franck, 80 Years

Sr. Marie Franck, (Sr. Marie of St. Mark) was born in Frenchville Maine in 1918. While growing up she was a member of St. Lucy Church and was a 1935 graduate of St. Agatha High School in St. Agatha Maine. She went on to attend Diocesan Normal School in Brooklyn, NY to become a teacher and, later Catholic University of America in Washington, DC where she earned a BA in music and her permanent teaching certification.

Beginning her ministry as a music teacher in 1937 she served at St. Mary Gate of Heaven in Ozone Park, NY until 1946. She then served as a teacher and principal until 1956 at St Mary's Academy in Norfolk, Virginia. It was then back up to St. Agatha, Maine for three years where she served as superior at Our Lady of Wisdom Academy.

In the early seventies, she relocated to Connecticut where she taught music at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Waterbury. In the mid-seventies, after nearly forty years of teaching, she went on to become an administrator at Sterling Home in Bridgeport, CT where she served for 17 years until it closed in 1993.

Upon her retirement she began providing pastoral care for nursing home and homebound residents as a volunteer through St. Joseph's Parish in Shelton, CT, and through St. Ann Parish in



Bristol, CT at Bristol Hospital until moving to Long Island where she served as an assistant to the elderly religious at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent in Sound Beach.

During the course of her career, Sr Marie served for 12 years on the Daughters of Wisdom Advisory Board and received many honors including certificates from The National Association of Catholic Chaplains, The National Catholic Music Education Association in Washington, DC, Sterling Home in Bridgeport, CT, and the Hewitt Foundation, Shelton, CT. She was also recognized with a commendation for public service from the US Census Bureau and for Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist from the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT.

Sr. Emma Rohn, 70 Years



Born in Brooklyn, NY, Sr. Emma Rohn, (Sr. Francis Mary) grew up in Woodhaven, NY, was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and graduated in 1945 from Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. She entered into St. John's University, NY in 1948 and earned a BA in social sciences with a certificate in teaching (1954), her MA in American History with Media Specialist certification (1962), and her MLS in Library Science with Public Library certification in 1969.

Her teaching career began in 1947 at St. Mary Gate of Heaven in Ozone Park, NY and included Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, NY (1954-59), Our lady of Wisdom Academy, Ozone Park, NY, (1959-61), and Christ The King High

School in Middle Village, NY (1962-72) where she was both a teacher and Librarian. She served as a librarian in Queens Borough Public library in Jamaica, NY from 1972-1983. From 1983-85 she provided pastoral care through Our Lady of Grace Parish in Howard Beach, NY. The final fifteen years of her career was as a librarian at Dominican Commercial High School in Jamaica, NY (1985-1997) and concluded back at Christ the King High School in Middle Village, NY in the library as a resource room supervisor.

In 2007 Sr. Emma was inducted into Christ the King High School's Hall of Fame; and served as the treasurer of the Catholic Library Association of Brooklyn-Queens for several years. After her retirement in 2001, she went on to volunteer as a tutor to an Indian Hindu student, at Holy Family Parish in Fresh Meadows, NY with Rachel's Helpers, and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in Resurrection Ascension Parish, Rego Park, NY.

Sr. Agnes Bracken, 60 Years

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Sr. Agnes Bracken (Sr. Agnes Marie of the Child Jesus) was member of St.



Benedict Joseph Parish in Richmond Hill, NY and graduated from Our Lady of Wisdom Academy in 1955. After entering the novitiate in 1955 she went on to study nursing at Maryview Hospital in Portsmouth, VA where she earned her BSN in nursing. From there she attended Catholic University in Washington, DC and earned her MSN. She later studied at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY and earned her MSN in gerontological nursing and a post-masters certificate as a clinical nurse specializing in psychiatric mental health. She concluded her studies at Molloy College, Rockville Center, NY earning a post-masters certificate as a family nurse practitioner.

Beginning her career in 1957 at Maryview Hospital, she stayed there for eight years

rising in rank from student to staff nurse, to head nurse. Afterward, she worked at the Visiting Nurse Service in Brooklyn, NY(1969-72), at Catholic Charities, Brooklyn, NY as assistant coordinator for the Office for the Aging (1972-76), and at the Visiting Nurse Service in Queens, NY as a Nursing Supervisor (1978-87) while simultaneously serving at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Brooklyn, NY as a Parish Nurse (1978-87). In 1987 she became the Director of Patient Services at St Mary's Homecare, Catholic Medical Center, NY and served until 1990 when she moved on to New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, NY as a Psychiatric Nursing Supervisor and served until 1996. She then became an instructor at Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY where she continues her ministry and has served for 20 years in one of the country's largest and most-respected nursing education programs. In addition to this, Sr. Agnes is

responsible for four students at Lenox Hill Hospital. The students work directly with a preceptor on staff at the hospital. Sr. Agnes maintains weekly email contact with them and meets with them at the beginning and end of the term. She also teaches one full day in Brooklyn at St. Francis College's Nursing Program.

Sr. Agnes has been a presence in the community of Belle Harbor, NY for 16 years. She serves on the Board for St. Francis de Sales Academy and keeps herself busy with various projects. She is currently doing a study on the role of faith as a support in one's aging and end of life issues; and frequently does in-service education for the Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent, Sound Beach, NY.