

Sisters Celebrate Jubilee Years

February 2018- Sr. Florence Veronica Byrne, DW (Sr. Veronica of the Cross), Sr. Patricia Curreri, DW (Sr. Fidelis Mary of the Immaculate) and Sr. Joan Zielinski, DW (Sr. Edward Marie of the Immaculate) all reached milestone Jubilees the month of February. Sr. Veronica celebrates 70 years, and Sr. Pat and Sr. Joan celebrate 60 years of profession.

70 Years Professed, Sr. Veronica Byrne, DW



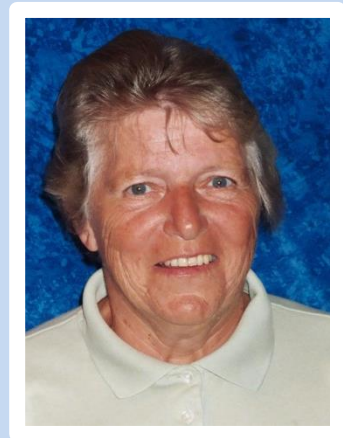
Now retired, Sr. Veronica spent her years of ministry as an educator. Having taught at St. Mary Gate of Heaven in Ozone Park and at Our Lady of Wisdom Academy in St. Agatha, Maine, she retired in 2005 as the chair of the social studies department at Christ the King High School in Middle Village, NY after nearly 60 years in education. She is spending her retirement years in the peaceful surroundings at Our Lady of Perpetual Hope Convent in Sound Beach, NY.



A special mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent in Sound Beach, NY to celebrate Sr. Veronica and Sr. Pat. Both renewed their vows before Provincial Leader, Sr. Catherine Sheehan.

60 Years Professed, Sr. Pat Curreri, DW

Sr. Pat began her ministry as an X-Ray student in 1959 at St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson, NY and after earning her certification as a technologist worked there until 1966. From there she went on to work in Brooklyn, NY at Holy Family Hospital as the department head of radiology, and Methodist Hospital where she served as the department supervisor in radiology, ultrasound and CAT scan. She concluded her career in radiology as a quality assurance supervisor in Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY after over 40 years in the field. Since retiring from the medical technology field, Sr. Pat has shared her organizational and planning talents coordinating services for the Provincial House as the grounds and plant manager for nearly 15 years. During her tenure Sr. Pat served as the secretary on the Executive Board of the Sisters' Senate in the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY and for two terms on the Daughters of Wisdom Provincial Council.



60 Years Professed, Sr. Joanne Zielinski, DW



Sr. Joanne began her ministry in 1958 as an OR technician at St. Charles Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. In 1959 she entered at Maryview Hospital School of Nursing in Portsmouth, Virginia where she became a registered nurse. She worked in the operating room, emergency room and as assistant head nurse until 1969. She was then off to Washington, DC where she worked at Providence Hospital as a staff nurse while attending St. Joseph's College to earn her BS in nursing. After working for a few years with the Visiting Nurses Association of Washington DC, she relocated to Omaha, Nebraska in 1972 joining the Visiting Nurses Association there and serving until 1979. She later went on to earn a MS in pastoral ministry from Boston College in Maryland and from 1979 until 1994 worked in campus ministry at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She then relocated back to the state of Nebraska and continued her ministry as a chaplain at Creighton University and in Creighton University Hospital until her recent retirement this past year.