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Holy Family Sisters

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Congratulations Jubilarians

Sister Anne Schaeffer — 70 Years

Sister Anne helped her mother in her work with the Sisters of the Holy Family and she wanted to be just like them. After Sister entered the Community she also worked in the Day Homes caring for the infants and at one time she was the director of a Day Home in Reno, Nevada. In addition to Sister Anne's Day Home ministries, she taught Religious Education in many different parishes and locations. Through all of her different ministry positions Sister Anne continued to teach the children about Jesus' love for them. She loves the Sisters and has admired them all of her life.



Sister Marie Julie Casattas — 60 Years

Sister Marie Julie's family and friends helped her on her journey and she is so grateful to each of them. It was while she was attending Notre Dame High School in Belmont that she met the Holy Family Sisters. She taught CCD and sang in the church choir. Six months after Sister Marie Julie graduated she entered the Sisters of the Holy Family. She has been a Day Home Sister for 58 years working at Holy Family Day Home and St. Francis Day Home in San Francisco, St. Elizabeth's Day Home in San Jose, Holy Child Day Home in Reno and Variety Day Home in Las Vegas. Currently, she lives at the Motherhouse and does volunteer work in San Jose, CA. Sister is very grateful for her years in Holy Family and for the great people whom she has met during these years.

Sister Camilla Morris — 60 Years

After Sister Camilla graduated from high school, she planned to enter the Presentation Sisters of San Francisco, who were her wonderful teachers throughout the years, but the Lord had other plans. Although employment was hard to find in 1930s, Sister Camilla worked in Oakland and San Francisco. After the beginning of World War II, she enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and became a member of the WAVES. After her discharge, it became evident to her that her earlier conviction that she was called to Religious Life was coming true. She was accepted into the Sisters of the Holy Family in September 1952 ministering in religious education programs throughout California for many years. Sister Camilla also served at the Motherhouse as Secretary General and later became the Plant Manager of the Motherhouse. After her retirement Sister served in volunteer ministry as "Minister to the Ministers" and at the age of 95, she continues in that ministry today.



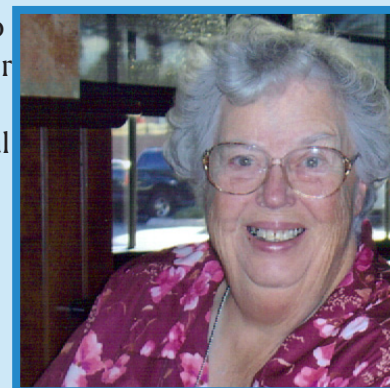


Sister Mario Raffaelli — 60 Years

Sister Mario was born in South San Francisco, California. In 1952 Sister Mario entered the Sisters of the Holy Family from All Souls Parish in South San Francisco. For 37 years Sister Mario has been ministering at St. Lawrence O'Toole/St. Cyril Parish in Oakland, California and presently ministers to the sick and homebound of the parish.

Sister Barbara Sheahan — 60 Years

Sister Barbara was born in Las Vegas, Nevada into a mining family. After the first 15 years as a Sister in California doing Catechetical work, she returned to Nevada, and spent 10+ years serving at the State of Nevada School for Delinquent Girls in a small rural community. In 1982 Sister moved to Rapid City, S.D. and worked as Hospital Chaplain before returning to minister in the Motherhouse Infirmary. In 1992 she returned to Las Vegas working as Pastoral Minister and Chaplain in St. Viator Parish, and later in Variety Day Home. Currently, Sister Barbara lives at the Motherhouse in Fremont continuing her ministry. Sister Barbara thanks God for every minute and every experience in her life - it has all been a gift to her.



Sister Paulina Villa — 60 Years

Sister Paulina's youth was full of many happy experiences including her father playing the guitar each evening, while the family sang. Life was made up of parties, roller skating and fun. Sister Paulina had never met any Sisters and never thought of religious life during those years. A new pastor at the parish, who had worked with two Holy Family Sisters in his previous parish, encouraged Sister Paulina to think of becoming a Sister. Sister eventually did become a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family working at the Day Homes and loving the children. Her later assignments included her ministry in religious education. Eventually Sister became a Chaplain serving in hospitals. This began the most gratifying and rewarding time of her ministerial life.

Further education, including grief counseling, hospice and AIDS care, prepared her for additional work in homes following surgeries or deaths. Sister's ministry brought her into contact with people of many cultures and faiths. In 2008 a stroke brought this ministry to a close, but her happy memories of those years continue.

Sister Suzanne Bart — 50 years

While Sister Suzanne was in high school her family moved from New Orleans, Louisiana to California. After arriving in California Sister began volunteering at a parish CCD program for developmentally disabled children. Through the Holy Family Sisters working at the parish, Sister Suzanne became so attracted to the Sisters and their work that she gave up her intention of becoming a nurse and entered Holy Family. Years later, Sister Suzanne eventually entered St. Mary's School of Nursing in Reno, Nevada and her original plan to become a nurse was realized. After Sister Suzanne's mother became ill Sister transferred to Los Angeles to assist with her mother's care. Sister's ministry continued in Los Angeles at Holy Cross Hospital, Mission Hills, until her retirement in 2011 after 24 years of service as an RN. Sister looks forward to whatever is next.

