Jubilarians in Celebration January 2017

75 years
Sister M. Anne Schaeffer

60 Years
Sister M. Thaddeus Cuellar
Sister Concetta Lombardo
Sister Sally Ann Negrete

50 Years
Sister Marie Deering
Sister M. Gladys Guenther

Sister M. Anne Schaeffer ~ 75 Years
Before Sister Anne’s retirement, Sister ministered in many different parishes throughout the Bay Area in the field of religious education, sharing her love, care and faith with many children and families at St. Joseph’s Parish in Mission San Jose, St. John the Baptist in San Lorenzo, and St. Leonard’s in Fremont.

Sister M. Thaddeus Cuellar ~ 60 years
Sister Thaddeus entered Holy Family Sisters in 1957 and has worked in religious education and/or parish pastoral ministry in Union City, Decoto, Newark, Vacaville, Walnut Grove, Los Angeles and Hawaii. Also worked in daycare in San Jose and San Francisco. Now, Sister works in community at Holy Family Motherhouse in Fremont
Deo Gratias!
Sr. Sally Ann Negrete ~ 60 years

“60 years have come and gone, and the dream of being a missionary has been realized. California, Hawaii, Alaska, Tijuana and Nevada were states where SHF have sent me. Home Visiting was the path that led me into the homes of so many families who became partners in our Mission to “Seek out….” “Remember…”

Today I live at our Motherhouse and volunteer at the California School for the Blind with Sister Ann Gelles. I am thankful for all the blessings and support for all that I have received from so many that have and are a part of my life.

Sister Concetta Lombardo ~ 60 Years

Sister Concetta entered the convent on January 5, 1957. She taught religion in Pleasanton, Livermore, Niles and San Francisco. Also, Sister taught in Gardnerville, Nevada and San Antonio, Texas. For six years Sister was the cook in Castro Valley and one year in Pleasant Hill. In 1977, Sister came to the Motherhouse and has stayed until the present day.

Sister M. Gladys Guenther ~ 50 Years

Sister Gladys met the Sisters of the Holy Family while she was in college in San Francisco and entered the community after graduation. Most of her ministry has been in parishes as a Director of Faith Formation and pastoral administrator. Looking back over 50 years Sister is grateful for the opportunity to have worked with immigrant populations in northern California and experiencing the rich heritage of Hispanic and Filipino cultures. For the past fourteen years she has served in congregational administration and has appreciated the challenge and diversity of tasks and projects with which she was engaged with other members of the leadership team. Especially meaningful are the decisions which would actualized the Sisters commitment to the earth, the marginalized, and the working poor.

Sister Marie Deering ~ 50 years

My journey began with our Sisters when I was a teenager growing up San Francisco. Sister Ann Maureen Murphy (my sister-in-law’s sister) invited me to “come and see” our Holy Family Day Home. This was the beginning of a journey that would lead to my entrance into our Community in 1967.

The years have been filled with a ministry of care and joy, working in all our day homes in the Bay Area, Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada. I was privileged to work with Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (Emergency Assistance, Family Shelter and Senior Services.) I also worked with AFAN (Aid for AIDS of Nevada). Currently, I am working with Kainos Home and Training Center - a special place which offers residential care and a wide spectrum of support services to adults with developmental disabilities.

God is within me and always at the center. My life continues to be blessed and I am most grateful to all who have supported me in my vocation. As I reflect on “jubilee” and rejoice, I realize that each and every day is for rejoicing and for Jubilee!