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## SISTER JANE MAST

### *God's Grace and a Book*

As I celebrate 75 years as a Sister of the Holy Family I like to tell people that I owe all that I am to God's Grace and a book. I enjoyed childhood adventures and growing pains with many marvelous friends and my wonderful family, and learned all about my Portuguese heritage. God's grace was all around me. The book I refer to was written in 1922 for the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Sisters of the Holy Family. I have always been fascinated by history and, in this story, I was amazed at the call of God that brought four persons of divergent backgrounds to just the right place, at just the right time, to give life to a new religious order. I wanted to be part of that story—and now I am!

I have served in many areas of California as a parish Sister, a staff supervisor for the Catechetical Office in the L.A. Archdiocese, as a counselor and instructor for charismatic prayer groups, and always as a pray-er and learner for myself. At the present time I am in a loving ministry of prayer for the Sisters and the work of the Community. I see the call and grace of God all around me and, because of that book, I know I am in just the right place, at just the right time to fulfill the call God gave to me.



## SISTER STEPHEN SMARIO

### *Sharing the Pearl of Great Price*

I found the Pearl of Great Price, Jesus, or should I say Jesus found me ready for Him. When I was a child the Sisters of the Holy Family helped me to understand that God the Father loved us so much that He gave us His only Son. I gave my life to Jesus then as an act of thanksgiving for all He did and continues to do for me. For 75 years now, I have served God and His Church by living the Gospel values, the charism of Mother Dolores and the mission of the Sisters, first through religious education and home visiting, and later assisting the sick and dying and their families and the staff at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose.

Now in "retirement," I save quiet time each day for the celebration of the Eucharist and personal prayer to nourish my spiritual life. Whether I found the Pearl of Great Price or He found me, I have spent my life sharing the love of Christ with others, and have not regretted one moment of the time thus spent!

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## SISTER BEATRICE ANN ROJAS

### *A Life Lived in Loving Service*

I joined the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1949. I taught catechism to children of all ages and abilities including youth in detention. I never had trouble with discipline because of my gift of storytelling, my end-of-class raffles and our tradition of handing out Christmas candies or other treats. "God is love" was the most important message.

Wherever I went, I looked for poor people. I remembered Father Prendergast's words, "Remember, you belong to the people, consider them first. Give them whatever they need, though you might have to give them all." Sometimes I set up food pantries to help poor families. I made sure children had clothes and shoes for their First Communion. My family and others helped out when I needed funds. Over the years the Community allowed me to take care of my mom, two sisters and a brother.

I thank God every day for the wonderful life I have had. I am still looking out for those in need although I am now 95 years old. I phone shut-ins who need someone to listen. I have a long list of people I pray for daily at Mass or prayers. I do what I can to show support and care for the Sisters around me. God has been with me each step of my life. I couldn't have done it without Him!

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