

We celebrate

Jubilee 2022



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80 Years

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Sister Anne Schaeffer

70 Years

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**Sister Marie Julie Casattas
Sister Camilla Morris
Sister Mario Raffaelli
Sister Barbara Sheahan
Sister Paulina Villa**



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Sister Anne Schaeffer, 80 years



▲ SISTER ANNE

What does Gleaning mean to me?

We Sisters of the Holy Family have been called Gleaners because we have always helped the most forgotten and those in need — “Pick up the grains from the harvest,” the left-overs.

I, with other Sisters, went to Vacation Bible School to various places where there was no catechist during the year and a priest could only come once a month.

Like St. Paul, we would “Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to everyone.”

And now that I am 99 years old and 80 years old in the convent, I’m called a “Golden” Gleaner and spend my time praying for all, especially the most needy.

Sister Barbara Sheahan, 70 years



▲ SISTER BARBARA

As a little girl, I became attracted to the charism bequeathed to Holy Family by Sister Dolores when I saw the simplicity, gentleness and

holiness of the Sisters in working with the children and families. They were always capable and willing to do anything that needed to be done, and they always shared their ministry with others who could help. Their patience with others seemed endless.

Sister Camilla Morris, 70 years



▲ SISTER CAMILLA

Sister Camilla enlisted in the US Navy and served her country in that capacity from 1943-1945. She joined the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1952, and was active in

catechetics for many years until she became congregational secretary of the Sisters. She then served as Motherhouse Coordinator in Fremont, and went on to volunteer community service. She is now retired at 105 years of age, and living at the Motherhouse where she still enjoys baseball games.

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Sister Marie Julie Casattas, 70 years



▲ SISTER MARIE JULIE

Our charism includes being Gleaners, seeking out those not served by others.

For me, this took the form of opening a day home for children,

providing a safe environment while their parents worked during the day. I did not know much about the day homes when I entered, but I managed to stay in this work for over 60 years. The children I worked with – in six different day homes -- came from many different ethnic groups, and we were there for the families as well as their children.

I taught parenting classes and ESL and we had many home visits with the families. Participants were given food and clothing when needed, and we had events at different places for all the programs in Las Vegas.

Our Sisters and Associates also worked with a program to fight human trafficking. We had many workshops for adults as well as working with the teen groups.

Sister Mario Raffaelli, 70 years



▲ SISTER MARIO

Gleaning means to me that we go out to the unfortunate. We always went out to the unfortunate, where no one else would go, by going home visiting, etc. I went out to visit the

sick and the homebound and brought them the Eucharist. I also comforted the dying and their families. And I am still doing that ministry today!

Sister Paulina Villa, 70 years



▲ SISTER PAULINA

Sister Paulina Villa, whose territory includes Pacifica, California, is the only home-visiting chaplain serving on the staff of a health care organization anywhere in the United States. It's

possible she may not be the only one for long. Her unique assignment and the way she handles it is beginning to attract attention. She shared one of her busy days recently, explaining to a curious visitor from another health care group exactly what it is she does. As chaplain, she provides an extra layer of care to those who are already under medical treatment, offering emotional, psychological, physical and spiritual support to patients on an unregulated, whatever-the-need is, 24-hour on-call on-the-road job. Paulina says it is precisely the role she always sought.