



Sisters of the Holy Family

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To seek out and advocate
for the poor and needy,
especially families,
for the Kingdom of God.

Congratulations 2011 Jubilarians

A very memorable assignment as a Sister of the Holy Family was my 19 years of ministry as Director of Bereavement Ministry at a parish in Lemon Grove, California. Included in my ministry was a special event that took place every Advent by setting up a crib to be filled with new baby clothes and articles to be given to Lemon Grove Birthline of San Diego.

Sister Catherine Rose Iverson, 70 years



Sister Carole Pesce, 60 years

These last 60 years I have been able to share the message of the gospel in catechetical ministry, preparation of the sacraments, home visiting, and making sick calls to hospitals and to the homebound.

Many people have blessed my life and I am so grateful to all those who have been part of my lifelong journey. All I can say is, "thanks from a grateful heart."



Sister Marie Stafford, 60 years



Sister M. Mercedes Braga, 60 years

Catechetics has been my ministry and passion for the greater part of my life. For many years I ministered at a drop-in center in Sacramento for needy and poor women and children. Here, two aspects of family catechesis, presence and service, blossomed in new ways. My favorite haunt these days is the garden when not volunteering. If rain brings me inside, I am ready to sketch, or rest. And, too, this gift of this creative time of retirement brings time for people and prayer, play and peace.

I have been honored to serve God and the Church as a Sister of the Holy Family for 60 years. The love, respect, and support of my family, friends, religious Congregation, and the hundreds who have come into my life are cherished blessings.

The blessings of countless services to families and missioning places have enriched my life to the brim! My present service to my Sisters at the Motherhouse as Coordinator and Community Life Director has brought me full circle to the invitation of living life with purpose and meaning; my whole being bows in thanksgiving and praise.



Sister Ruth Faisca, 60 years

I have been ministering in Reno, Nevada for approximately 34 years. I remember saying once, "God, if you ever want to forget me somewhere Reno would be nice – I love the people, the seasons and the climate." I will be happy to continue to serve by making God known to others through prayer. I am grateful and blessed.

Sister Carol Bettencourt, 50 years



I feel that the most fundamental value of ministry, no matter where I serve, is that it be relational. I see the ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family to be about serving the whole person. I enjoy the spiritual and communal aspect of being in religious life and feel that this nature of religious life is something that religious women offer our society today.



Sister M. Diane Maguire, 50 years

I began my ministry as a catechist and then worked in the Day Home of my youth. I spent the next 36 years in Day Home ministry, mostly in Las Vegas. I recently returned to the Motherhouse from Las Vegas, having worked with wonderful and holy people who enriched the lives of the Sisters in innumerable ways. My present ministry is evolving pursuing various Social Justice issues in the Bay Area.



Sister M. Judeana Davidson, 50 years

The Spirit has led me a long way from my first class of 5th grade boys to now. It has been quite a journey; one that I can hardly believe is 50 years! I have been blessed by the people God has sent me on the journey. They and my ministries have stretched me and helped me become who I am

today. I am especially grateful to my family, friends and Sisters who have loved and supported me over these many years. I am continually awed by the overwhelming love and presence of God that I have and continue to experience as I begin my 51st year!



Sister Kathy Littrell, 25 years

Spring Raffle Congratulations to our Winners!

- Angie M., Fresno
- E.H., Fremont
- M/M Michael D., San Mateo