



## **Sister Francis Mary Rossi**

Sister Francis Mary Rossi entered the Congregation from Holy Cross parish in Rochester, New York. Fond memories of her childhood interactions with Sisters inspired her religious vocation. “A thought of a religious life first entered my mind when I was a fourth Grader at Holy Cross School,” recalled Sister Francis Mary. “I liked going to daily Mass and helping the Sisters after school.”

As a Sister of Saint Joseph she had the opportunity to serve in many different ministries. She taught at Holy Rosary, Rochester; St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; St. Elizabeth, Selma, Alabama; St. Francis Xavier, Rochester; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport; and Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester. From education she moved into pastoral work at St. Theodore’s and Most Precious Blood in Rochester and then as a home caregiver for Sisters Care, an SSJ ministry that helps people remain independent at home. In her later years, she volunteered as pastoral visitor for Legacy Cranberry Senior Housing.

On the occasion of her 60<sup>th</sup> jubilee in 2010, Sister Francis Mary reflected on her life’s ministry. “I have always been very happy being a Sister. God has been most generous with me and as a religious. Some of the assignments were challenging, however, with God’s constant help and blessings, life was rewarding, especially in dealing with and comforting people during their times of crisis and feeling God’s presence there.”

