



Sister Karen Considine

Sister Karen Considine was one of the first graduates of the Nazareth College nursing program. She went on to work at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira for 30 years, serving as nurse, supervisor and instructor. During her 70th Jubilee celebration in 2012, Sister Karen reflected on her time as Night Supervisor. "For seven nights each week I was a present and strong support for staff and for patients and their families," she said. "I was able to create a peaceful, prayerful atmosphere for them during the long hours of night." She continued her nursing career as an instructor in the Nazareth College Nursing Program. Then she was called elsewhere. "The Congregation needed a qualified person to oversee the move of St. Ann's Home from Lake Avenue to the larger establishment on Portland Avenue," said Sister Karen. She continued at St. Ann's for nine years as Director of Nursing Service.

During her Jubilee celebration, Sister Karen explained how the Sisters were needed to share in parish leadership roles in the late '70s. "My retreat experiences led me to new ministry," she said. "I delighted in many activities with parishioners of St. Thomas More as Pastoral Associate, and as Parish Administrator."

Enriched by her life's work in health care and pastoral ministry, Sister Karen continued to cherish her vowed life as a way of loving God. She also acknowledged the importance of her Sister community during her Jubilee celebration saying, "The support of these women whose basic values are my own continues to inspire my life of prayer, and to strengthen my commitment to religious life."