



Sister Alice Cooney (formerly Sister Eugenia) – 60 Years

“I am grateful for this milestone moment marking 60 years of religious life, ministry, friendships and God’s grace.

“Beginning as an elementary school teacher, I moved on to graduate studies in theology and the opportunity to be engaged in parish ministry. This was during the years of the unfolding of the teachings in the wonderful documents of the Second Vatican Council.

“I served in several parish roles, first as a coordinator of religious education at St. Mary’s in Canandaigua and St. Charles in Greece, then as pastoral associate at St. Catherine’s in Mendon and in 1995 I was appointed to a new ministry, that of Pastoral Administrator at St. Joseph’s in Rush.

“These years of pastoral ministry were marked by many changes in our local Church, especially the expansion of lay ministry. Parishes were growing, there was strong support from the Congregation and the diocese. New and creative parish roles developed and thrived. And new and lasting friendships came into my life.

“In more recent years, I have served as Catholic chaplain at Monroe Community Hospital where about half the population is Catholic. The residents, the staff and the community there have been an inspiration and a blessing.

“I feel that the opportunities that have come my way, the support of my wonderful four generation family and the gift of friendships both within the Congregation and in places of ministry have been profound graces for which I will always be grateful.

“For all who are part of the fabric of my life I pray In the words of St. Paul to the Phillipians: ‘I give thanks to my God every time I think of you...’”