



## **Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan – 70 Years**

“My first fifteen years in the Congregation were spent directly in the classroom,” said Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan. “I taught in several diocesan schools and then was appointed to my first administrative position as principal at Immaculate Conception in Ithaca. From Ithaca I moved to Elmira to start the new consolidated Elmira Regional Junior High School. It was a privilege as well as a challenge! In 1972 we graduated 200 eighth graders the night of Flood Agnes.

“My move from Elmira to Rochester opened up a whole new challenge for me. I became the principal at St. Monica's School and later at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, which gave me a love and appreciation for the inner city children and their families.

“However my longest ministry was at Trinity Montessori School as administrator/director. Here the child is educated in an atmosphere of openness and self-direction. This ministry culminated 60 wonderful years in education for which I can truly say thank you God and thank you to all of my Sisters of Saint Joseph.”

(Sister also taught at Immaculate Conception, Rochester; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Sacred Heart, Rochester; St. Rose, Lima; Mother of Sorrows, Rochester; and St. Mary's, Dansville. Her current ministry is the prayer ministry.)