



## **Sister Kathleen Clary – 50 Years**

“As I reflect on 50 years as a Sister of Saint Joseph, I realize the significance of these years is not about where I’ve been or what I have done, but how the grace of God has blessed me and motivated me in my response to serve the people of God. There are three dynamic movements that have shaped my life into what it has been and is today. The first is the charism of my Congregation to be a healing presence in a broken world, reconciling neighbor with neighbor, and neighbor with God. The second was my early formation in the teaching Vatican II – The Church in the Modern World and the Call to Holiness of the Laity. And the third formed my career as a teacher. The diocesan directive – To Teach as Jesus Would.

“Inspired by these forces of grace I experienced my most memorable teaching years at Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca, Nazareth Academy, Corpus Christie and Hope Hall Schools. They empowered me to reach out to those in jail, start a summer school refugee program, lead prayer groups and days of reflection, facilitate retreats and listen to and journey with many in spiritual direction.

“In this year of Jubilee I give endless thanks for the abundant blessing I have received in all the people that have been a part of my life. Their faith, struggles, joys and sorrows have awakened in me countless gifts to give in return. I have become who I am in the grace of God because of you. For all this I say – Thank you!”