



## Sister Brian Madigan – 60 Years

Sister Brian Madigan spent 38 years as an educator serving as teacher and principal at several schools including Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Stanislaus, and Holy Rosary, Rochester; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Michael, Penn Yan; and St. Mary, Waterloo. Sister was also the director of Faith Formation for St. Mary Parish in Rochester. Her home parish is Our Lady of Peace Parish (St. Stephen) in Geneva.

Sister Brian recalls that the "needs of the day" 50 years ago were met through education and nursing. "Christ sends us to serve the poor. No matter what we do, we meet poverty because all of us are poor in some way. It doesn't matter if they come to your classroom or office, ring the front doorbell or call on the phone. Our eyes have to be open to the needs around us.

"During my ministry at St. Mary, I encountered a different kind of poverty, a different kind of need. In collaboration with Bethany House, St. Joseph neighborhood Center, and St. Joseph House of Hospitality, we tried to make a difference in the lives of those who live in the city. Their smiles and the gratitude they show enriched my life!"

In recent years, Sister Brian's ministry has been with those Sisters living at the Motherhouse: visiting them, spending time with them, reading to them, and driving them to their appointments. "What a blessing it is to spend some time with them!" she said.

"We often say that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. I have lived with and known wonderfully dedicated women who have inspired me and taught me so much by their example. My life has been enriched because of our time together."