



Sister Jeannine Scheg

Sister Jeannine Scheg was born and raised in Rochester, NY, graduated from Nazareth College and did graduate work at the University of Rochester. She entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester in 1954.

She was an educator and served in many areas, teaching students in elementary, high school, and college and was an administrator in several high schools. "I really loved teaching. When I went to teach at Mt. Carmel High School in Auburn the principal told me, 'you are a cross between Sarah Bernhardt and porky pig!' and it's true. I could ham up stuff and I had super discipline. I just didn't read them books. I acted out the battles and did crazy stuff with the kids, but they knew I meant business. You have to establish the discipline first."

The first day of school was always her favorite. "I was always anxious to see who I was going to have and what we could do. I remember when I was teaching 5th grade, we built a matchstick village. I brought hundreds of matches we cut off the ends and we built log cabins and bridges."

Many of her students kept in touch with her years after they graduated and she was touched by the connection. "I am amazed because I never thought about it at all for many, many years. When I taught I never thought about what kind of influence I was having on the kids or did they remember any of the things I taught them or did they interpret things that I said or did. But in later years when I have gotten letters or phone calls or met them someplace, I feel very honored."

In addition to working in education, Sister Jeannine was chaplain at the maximum security prison in Elmira and supervised the health clinic at Holy Childhood. She also was administrator of the SSJ Motherhouse Infirmary, and then became librarian for a local elementary school. In her mid-seventies volunteered several days a week at two SSJ ministries, St. Martin's Kitchen and *Sisters Care*.

On the occasion of her 60th jubilee in 2015 she said, "As you can see, I have been blessed many times over in my life, first of all with loving parents, a wonderful family, and many good friends, and then with a vocation which brings me rich graces every day."