



Sister Marian Johnson (formerly Sister Joan Michael) – 70 Years

Sister Marian Johnson, formerly Sister Joan Michael, entered the Congregation from St. John the Evangelist in Greece. “My call to religious life came at a rather young age,” recalls Sister Marian. “Having had many encounters with the Sisters of Saint Joseph in grade school and high school, the call became stronger and clearer each year. Now as I celebrate my 70th year, I know that my call to serve God and His people was, and is, a commitment which continues to grow each year.”

Education was the principal ministry of the early years of Sister Marian’s religious life. She ministered at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester; St. Paul, Oswego; Christ the King, Rochester; St. Rose, Lima; St. Jerome, East Rochester; St. Theodore, Rochester; and All Saints Junior High, Rochester.

Sister Marian later worked with *Sisters Care*, the former SSJ ministry that aided the elderly. “As schools consolidated or closed, I felt called to devote my energies to those at the other end of life’s spectrum – working with the elderly was truly a need of our time,” she said. “Now I am enjoying community at the Motherhouse.”