



Sister Mary Dorothy Burnett

“It was while praying at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, that I remember I first heard God calling me to live a consecrated life,” said Sister Mary Dorothy Burnett during her 75th Jubilee celebration in 2020. “This was a strong, personal experience I have never forgotten. I answered ‘YES’ to that call and entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Daily, I thank my loving God for calling me.”

Sister Mary Dorothy spent 38 years serving as teacher and later administrator in Diocesan Catholic schools including St. Ambrose; Nativity, Brockport; Sacred Heart Cathedral; Most Precious Blood; St. Mary, Elmira; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Thomas More; and Holy Trinity, Webster. Following her time in education, Sister spent more than 10 years as the receptionist at St. Ann’s Community.

“Along the way, both in community and ministry,” she said, “I have been blessed to walk in the presence of people who are witness to the love of God and serve to bring about God’s reign.”