



## **Sister Barbara Staropoli (formerly Sister Francina) – 60 Years**

Sister Barbara Staropoli, formerly Sister Francina, is a musician by training and credits her years as a singer for bringing her to an awareness of God as love through the music that she performed and taught.

Sister Barbara served in the ministries of education, mostly at Nazareth College for 32 years, as well as in Congregational Leadership for eight years. From 2012 to 2017 she established the Nazareth Neighborhood Arts Program which provided an after-school curriculum for the children of the Maplewood Neighborhood on the Nazareth Academy property. This work allowed for immersion in the refugee population and has resulted in continuing joyful relationships with many of the families.

Most recently, Sister Barbara served as Novice Director for the CSSJ National Federation Novitiate of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Currently, she is a volunteer at St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center. A musician by training, Sister Barbara continues to serve in the music ministry in her parish, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini.