



## **Sister Judith Whalen – 70 years**

“I entered the Congregation from St. Louis Parish in Pittsford,” says Sister Judith Whalen. “I have taught or been principal at Sacred Heart, Christ the King, St. Thomas More, Our Lady of Lourdes and Seton Junior High in Rochester; St. Stephen, Geneva; and St. Mary, Auburn. I have also ministered as Director of Novices and Juniors. After that I was Pastoral Minister at St. Rita in Webster for 14 years. Following that I was volunteer Pastoral Care at Monroe Community Hospital for 16 years. Currently, in retirement at our Motherhouse, I am grateful to spend more time in prayer and helping others. It has been a privilege and a joy to reach out to so many of God’s wonderful people in so many different settings.

“The friendships and opportunities for growth afforded me as a Sister of Saint Joseph have been a blessing and have given rise to stretching out of my comfort zone, something that can be so easy to move into. Growing along—together with so many good women—from striving for perfection, as stated early on in religious life, to growing in love and responding to life out of love for God. This new way of walking with Christ and community is a daily inspiration and gives me energy to love God’s will in my life. Gratitude fills my heart!”