



Sister Mary Anne Turner (Formerly Sister Dolores) – 60 Years

Sister Mary Anne Turner's mission work in Brazil is a personal highlight as she reflects on her 60th Jubilee. Sister Mary Anne, formerly Sister Dolores, was a pastoral agent in the SSJ mission in Brazil for almost seven years. Along with another 60-year Jubilarian, Sister Ellen Kuhl, she helped open the first SSJ Novitiate community in 1984 in Goiânia. "The experience of sharing life and faith with people who were struggling in their day-to-day existence was a transforming one for me," says Sister Mary Anne. Today, Sister is the Director of Technology at the SSJ Motherhouse.

Her call to religious life began as a student at Nazareth Academy. "Sisters of Saint Joseph were my teachers, mentors and friends throughout my years as a student," says Sister Mary Anne. "In high school I developed a strong interest in science, and thanks to an exceptional biology teacher, also began to discover the wonder of God at work in the natural world, and especially in the evolutionary process. This made me eager to join these dedicated women."

What continues to give her inspiration and meaning? "Sharing daily life and mission with women who strive to respond to the call of the Spirit to further God's ongoing work of unification among all people," says Sister Mary Anne.