



Sister Melita Burley – 70 Years

As a young woman attending Nazareth Academy, Sister Melita Burley's great admiration for the Sisters of Saint Joseph inspired a life's vocation as a woman religious. "I know that this is where God has called me and is present to me in every event and situation in joy and in sorrow," says Sister Melita.

After entering the Congregation and graduating from Nazareth College, Sister became a teacher. "Nearly all of my 50 years of teaching were enjoyable and rewarding: Grades 3, 4, 7 at St. Monica's and 21 years at St. Agnes High School." Sister also was a "teaching librarian" at Nazareth Hall Elementary School. "When I had the library at Nazareth Hall, the youngest children (Pre-K-Grade 2) used to come in for story time. I loved to 'dramatize' the characters – watching the little ones respond with wide eyes and rapt attention."

From education, Sister went to work in healthcare with the SSJ ministry, *Sisters Care*. The ministry helped care for people who were elderly or sick. "*Sisters Care*, also, put me in touch with beautiful people – my clients and their families."

Sister Melita currently resides at the SSJ Motherhouse. She continues to pray for all who have touched her life and for all the many blessings God has granted her throughout her life.