



Sister Joan Francis Hauser

Sister Joan Francis Hauser entered the Congregation from St. Andrew's parish in Rochester. She had worked at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, so she came to religious life with a background in business. "After taking my first vows in 1941, I was assigned as a bookkeeper at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, and stayed on there for 40 years," said Sister Joan Francis during her 70th Jubilee celebration in 2009.

Sister also worked in the hospital's admission office. She often said she most remembered her interactions with people. "It is a place where illness inspires patients to discuss troubling situations and many times it results in a return to the Sacraments or a marriage being blessed. Doctors usually had a Sister call families when someone was in an accident. A patient would say, 'My wife will believe what Sister says.'" After her ministerial work at St. Joseph's Hospital, Sister Joan Francis came back to Rochester and worked at St. Ann's Home.

Sister Joan Francis was most recently involved with the prayer ministry at the Motherhouse.