



Sister Margaret Brennan (formerly Sister Honora) — 60 Years

“I came from a big happy Irish family where education was valued, and creativity and critical thinking encouraged, where conversation at the dinner table was lively, funny and challenging (and often political),” said Sister Margaret Brennan (formerly Sister Honora).

“I think that the give and take of growing up with seven siblings, of learning to respect each other’s space and preferences, of counting on each other for support, and of rejoicing in each other’s successes all prepared me for religious community life and readied me for mission.

“My 60 years as a Sister of Saint Joseph has been full and blessed. After two decades of teaching (St. Anne’s, St. Mary’s Auburn, Nazareth Academy), I began my work as a friend and advocate for people who are homeless, poor, struggling, discounted (sometimes discarded) by our society and our systems. First, through St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality, then at St. Martin’s Place and now as the Director of St. Joseph Northside. Of course, what I receive far outweighs anything I try to give. Our people amaze me every day by their resilience, good humor and spiritual depth.”