



## **Sister Joan Marshall (formerly Sister Davida) – 60 years**

For 46 years Sister Joan Marshall, formerly Sister Davida, ministered in the field of education as a teacher and administrator. In the Rochester Diocese, Sister worked at St. Monica's, St. Mary's in Auburn, St. John the Evangelist in Spencerport, St. Bridget's, St. Thomas More, and Corpus Christi Schools. She also spent time in Selma, Alabama as a teacher and administrator. She continued her ministerial work at the SSJ sponsored ministry *St. Martin's*, a place of hospitality that welcomed guests for a noon meal and companionship, until it closed in December 2017. Her current ministry is Congregational services.

“My mission years in Selma, Alabama were privileged years. I met simple, faith-filled, open minded people, unashamed to speak of their faith. I saw shacks as homes, outdoor plumbing, dirt streets, and at the same time, children in my classroom clean as a whistle. In Rochester, I saw the working poor – people just able to pay their current bills, with no means of saving for the future and at the same time, having high hopes for their children — a college education!

“Living in community with other Sisters of Saint Joseph has always been a gift — a shared life of prayer, support, celebration and lifelong friendships.”