



Sister Joan McDowell (Formerly Sister Jeromita) – 75 Years

From 1946 until 1985, the classroom and its supporting educational activities was Sister Joan McDowell's, formerly Sister Jeromita's, full time occupation. Of these 39 years, Sister Joan spent 32 at Nazareth Academy and seven at De Sales High School. She described this time as "years in the company of enthusiastic youth and superb teachers."

In "retirement," Sister Joan directed the Congregational communications department for 10 years. She also enjoyed the opportunity of researching and publicizing works of Mercy – the ministries and activities of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Her communication skills continued as she served as photographer and publicity manager for Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus. "This happy connection meant new friends and enjoyable music events, including travel to record their performances in New York State and in Europe."

Now, Sister studies and creates colored pencil paintings, saying, "This provides an opportunity to share with art enthusiasts the same desire to reveal beauty, truth and goodness."