



Sister Mary Agnes Tierney (Formerly Sister Marie de Sales) – 75 Years

“At age 17 I entered religious life, not really knowing what I was getting into,” said Sister Mary Agnes Tierney, formerly Sister Marie de Sales. “But God enters by a private door into every individual, calling her out of darkness into light. God took me by the hand and kept me.

“Over the years I’ve come to recognize the unconditional love that God has for me, ‘warts and all,’ to recognize it and to make it my belief. In his love, God has lifted me up and carried me through the years. The best of who I am has survived and become wiser. And for everything I have missed, I have gained something else.

“Over the years my prayer life has been enriched and matured and has been my main comfort and refuge as old age has confronted me with its innate problems.

“All my missions had joyous aspects and one of the hardest things was to pull up roots and move on to a new mission – where, after a time of grieving, adjustment would take place, new attachments would occur and then the whole syndrome would repeat itself – all for God’s glory.”

Sister Mary Agnes taught at Sacred Heart, St. Monica, St. Pius X and Nazareth Academy in Rochester; St. Stephen and St. Francis de Sales in Geneva and Immaculate Conception in Ithaca.