

# Meet the Jubilarians of 2011



Text by Sr. Anastasia Sanford, SCC and the 2011 Jubilarians  
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This year the Western Province is celebrating 675 years of religious life. As Mother Pauline once said, "It is a great grace that God should permit us to assist in the spread of His kingdom." It is, indeed, a great grace that the Western Province has been blessed by the

presence of each of these unique and gifted women. Because space constraints prohibit the telling of all of their accomplishments, we have asked each jubilarian for a brief reflection on her years as a Sister of Christian Charity. Here is a glimpse into each of their lives. ✝



80  
YEARS

## Sr. Agnette Bengal

**Birthplace:** Westphalia, MI

**Ministries over the years:** Provincial Councillor, Principal, Teacher at primary, junior high and college levels.

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I treasured every year and was always glad to give my services wherever I could be of help, and to anyone who needed my help. I am still eager to help others until God calls me Home!



80  
YEARS

## Sr. M. Anne Marty

**Birthplace:** St. Louis, MO

**Ministries over the years:** Teacher, Superior, Principal.

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I have enjoyed my life as a SCC, and treasure living in this Community. I have many good memories of the variety of ministries I have been asked to undertake and the places I have been sent. I am grateful to my religious family for all it has done for me.



75  
YEARS

## Sr. Renee Miller

**Birthplace:** Evanston, IL

**Ministries over the years:** Teacher, Sacristan, Pastoral Care Minister.

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I want to say how much I have enjoyed living in Community. I am grateful for all of the Sisters with whom I lived. Now that I am retired I offer my days in prayer for vocations to my beloved Congregation.



75  
YEARS

## Sr. Marie Muhr

**Birthplace:** Chicago, IL

**Ministries over the years:** Group Mother (St. Vincent Home), Seamstress (helped make the first habits we wore), Sacristan (for many years at the motherhouse).

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I went to St. Raphael School (Chicago). The Sisters helped me and I decided to enter the Congregation. I'm happy to be a Sister of Christian Charity. The Lord has been good to me these many years.



75  
YEARS

## Sr. Mary Eileen O'Connor

**Birthplace:** Chicago, IL

**Ministries over the years:** Teaching – elementary, high school and college (mathematics).

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I consider it a special grace that I entered the convent after I graduated from eighth grade. I have deep gratitude to my dear parents and to the inspiration and help of my 8th grade teacher, Sr. Charitina Keilen. There have been "ups and downs" in my life, but I have always been happy in my religious vocation.



70  
YEARS

## Sr. Therese Fields

**Birthplace:** Plaquemine, LA

**Ministries over the years:** Teacher, Principal, House of Prayer, Prayer/Poor Ministry.

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I'd like to say that I would gladly do it all over again. It has been a time of great grace, rich in opportunities to work with and for others for the spread of God's kingdom. I would encourage anyone who even just faintly thinks she hears God calling her to religious life to respond with a joyful "yes," and give it a try.



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YEARS

## Sr. Elizabeth Ann Buscher

**Birthplace:** St. Louis, MO

**Ministries over the years:** Teacher (all grades and college), Business Officer, Provincial Treasurer, Administrative Assistant at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I'd like to adapt the words from Ecclesiastes: There is a time for every activity... a time to rest, a time to reflect and rejoice! This is truly a time of joy and thanksgiving for these 60 years spent as a SCC in the education of children and service to the poor of every kind!



60  
YEARS

## Sr. Mary Ann Poppler

**Birthplace:** Waconia, MN

**Ministries over the years:** Teacher, Supervisor, Group Mother and "jack of all trades" (St. Vincent Home), Pastoral Care Minister.

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I feel greatly blessed as a SCC. The variety of ministries during these years has been personally fulfilling and grace laden. I am grateful for all the Community has done for me, and I will continue to give freely of myself to this community in gratitude for all it has meant to me.



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YEARS

## Sr. Dolores Bozif

**Birthplace:** St. Louis, MO

**Ministries over the years:** Teacher – upper grades, Special Ed., Adult Ed. (including RCIA), PSR (CCD), and Sacramental preparation, Director of Religious Ed., School Librarian, Pastoral Minister.

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

These fifty years have flown by. When I was invested, I wanted to spread Christ's love as a SCC. I have touched many lives over these years. Being a SCC is a gift from God; I thank God for the gift of my vocation in this Community, and I pray for perseverance in the years ahead.



50  
YEARS

## Sr. Bernadette Voss

**Birthplace:** Evanston, IL

**Ministries over the years:** Cook, Cake decorator, Religious Ed. Teacher, Communion Minister.

### Reflecting on my years as a Sister of Christian Charity...

I spent many happy years as a SCC. My greatest joy in my ministries was cooking. I loved to cook and enjoyed preparing meals and special treats for the Sisters in the convents where I was missioned, as well as for the children and employees, while I was stationed at St. Vincent Home. It has been a wonderful 50 years.