

Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Joliet



Sister Felicity Gaffney, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 80 years

Current Ministry: Ministry of Presence at OLA

For me, living a Franciscan way of life means that God has been very generous and gracious in showering me with His love and the fullness of His almighty goodness.

Sister Rita Schmitz, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 75 Years

Current Ministry: Ministry of Presence at OLA

I came to the community with a “desire to be of service for all.” Living out my vows and having a dedicated prayer life have been the basis for my Franciscan Spirit.

Sister Leomarie Luecke, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 60 Years

Current Ministry: Teacher ESL at JJC and Organist

For me living the Franciscan way of life means following Jesus: living the Gospel; being one with the poor; love and respect for all of creation.



Sister M. Nadine Overbeck, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 60 Years

Current Ministry: Ministry of Presence

I have enjoyed each ministry that I have been privileged to serve in. My major interest was in the area of Adult Faith Formation, specifically in RCIA.



Sister Mary Ann Clark, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 60 Years

Current Ministry: Treasurer for Retired Sisters at OLA

Living in a family of twelve we had a strong foundation in faith, trust and love and support of each other. The Franciscan values of living simply and helping each other were instilled from our parents.



Sister Geraldine Podobnik, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 60 Years

Current Ministry: Registered Nurse: Volunteer health care

My 49 years of oncology/geriatric nursing are the basis now for my service to my sisters, my community. Each one of us is in charge of her own wellness and happiness, which can be obtained by living each moment in the Lord.



Sister Elaine Murphy, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 60 Years

Current Ministry: Ministry of Presence at OLA

Through the years my various experiences of ministry have been challenging and life giving. I cherish the memories of many rewarding and fulfilling years blessed with growth, learning, and warm relationships.



Sister Rita Vahling, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 60 Years

Current Ministry: Receptionist JFC & Coordinator: Local Chapter Group

The Gospel messages calls us to a movement of greater wholeness and deepening consciousness. For Franciscans, Incarnational Spirituality is key, where the Presence of God is in everyone and all of creation.

Sister M. Lourdes Boyer, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 60 Years

Current Ministry: General Secretary

The biggest blessing of my religious life were the six years that I was coordinator of the sisters at OLA. Some of these women had had a great influence on my life, and it was a gift of the Lord to me to be able to walk with them in their final days of life.

Sister Clarita Schumacher, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 60 Years

Current Ministry: Spiritual Director

As I look back over these 60 years of religious life as a Franciscan, I am certain of one thing – God’s constant presence in my life. In challenges and successes, in joyful and sad times, God was with me. So hopeful and so comforting



Sister Mary Jane Griffin, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 40 Years

Current Ministry: General Treasurer

This time is very challenging because everyone of us is being called to radical conversion and living of the Gospel.

Sister Sharon Frederick, OSF

Year of Jubilee: 25 Years

Current Ministry: Volunteer – Daybreak Shelter/Silver Cross Hospital

Living life as a vowed member of a religious Congregation in the Church is a visible sign of hope to others and a call to holiness. Religious life has something to offer the rest of the world.