

## **Sr. Marie Andre Murray, OP – 60 Year Jubilee**

Sr. Marie Andre Murray, OP, is celebrating her 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee this year as a Dominican Sister of St. Mary of the Springs. A native of Flushing, NY, Sister was taught by Dominican Sisters at St. Andrew Avellino Grade School in Flushing and at Dominican Academy in Manhattan. After graduation from the Academy, she entered the Dominican Novitiate in Columbus. Sister earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) and a master's degree in Educational Psychology from Fordham University.

“I knew early that I had a vocation to the religious life and that I wanted to be a Sister working with the poor and orphaned,” Sr. Marie Andre says. “St. Andrew's Sisters and priests and my mother were a great influence. I just loved the Sisters who taught me, and I could see myself as one of them.”

After teaching for a year at Mary Immaculate School in Ossining, NY, Sister was assigned to teach at St. Anthony's Grade School in the Southwest mission of Dixon, New Mexico, and to be principal at St. Hyacinth Grade School in Amarillo, Texas. Here were the poor and needy that she longed to serve. Sister also taught in schools in Ohio, Connecticut, and New York. During this time, she acquired a second master's from Fordham, a degree in Religious Studies. After 14 years of teaching, Sr. Marie Andre became the Coordinator of Religious Education for Our Lady of Solace, St. Helena, and St. Francis de Sales parishes in the New York Archdiocese. Then, she returned to her teaching ministry in the city at Mother Cabrini High School, where she taught math. She also ministered as a counselor at Cathedral High School in Manhattan.

“I have appreciated my interaction with all of the people that I have met. I have had very happy experiences everywhere I've been,” Sr. Marie Andre says. “The relational part of my life has truly been blessed.”

For ten years, Sister contributed her skills in Supported Services at Corpus Christi monastery and at St. John Chrysostom, both in the Bronx, until 2005, when she began serving as a volunteer in the sacramental programs at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in the Bronx and as a tutor at the Little Sisters of the Assumption Health Center in Manhattan.