

### **Sister Rosemond Kraus – 80 years**

Sister Rosemond Kraus entered the congregation from St. George Parish (now St. John Vianney) in Pittsburgh, Pa. She feels that she was greatly influenced by our former Mother M. Corinne Wanemacher when she was in administration during the formation period of Sister Rosemond's life. She says, "She gave me courage and hope when times were difficult."

After teaching for only a few short years, Sister Rosemond spent 60 years of her religious life at the former St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh's Lawrenceville neighborhood, where she ministered as the psychiatric head nurse and supervisor; a member of the staff in the quality assurance department; and later in prayer ministry. When the hospital closed, she came to Mount Alvernia and joined the sisters there in prayer ministry. She continues in that ministry to this day. She can often be found sitting in the chapel before the Blessed Sacrament, quietly listening to and talking with God.

A most memorable day in her life was the day she received the white veil and became known as Sister M. Rosemond. She says she enjoys the evidence of Franciscan simplicity and love for each other among the sisters, as well as sharing the "outpouring love of the Trinity."

Sister Rosemond has many interests, one of which is reading. In her readings on St. Francis, she discovered that Francis found "perfect joy" in his brothers. She says that she, too, finds happiness in the joy and enthusiasm of the sisters with whom she has lived and worked. Besides reading, Sister Rosemond also enjoys stamp collecting and writing poetry. Some of her poetry has been published, and she has received an Editor's Achievement award from the International Society of Poets.

Sister Rosemond's hope is that by living our Franciscan mission, we may live as women committed to nurturing, healing, reconciling and bringing peace to others.