

Sister Dolores Neunder – 75 Years

Born five days after the Armistice was signed after World War I, Dolores Ida and her parents were joined two years later by her brother Bobby. She grew up in Buffalo, NY and attended St. James Elementary School and high school at Sacred Heart Academy in Eggertsville, NY. Attracted to the religious life in sixth grade, she was encouraged by nuns who taught her in seventh and eighth grades but did not seriously consider it until her senior year in high school. Her mother's sister was already a Sister of St. Francis in Williamsville, NY and she used to visit her about four times a year. This was the community that she chose to enter at age 17. Her religious name became Sister Mary de Angelis until she changed it to her baptismal name of Dolores.

Her paternal great-grandparents came to America in 1842 while her maternal ancestors arrived around 1812. In preparation for her ministry, she attended Marywood College in Scranton, PA and obtained a BS Degree in Home Economics with an internship in Clinical Dietetics from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She is a registered dietitian and a past member of the American Dietetic Association.

Her ministry experiences included service as a: grade school teacher at St. James and St. Agnes Schools, Buffalo; clinical nutrition instructor at Niagara University College of Nursing; home economics teacher at Bishop O'Hern High School in Buffalo; administrator and clinical dietitian at: Mt. St. Mary's Hospital, Niagara Falls, NY; St. Francis Hospital Buffalo; and Mt. St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, NY.

Semi-retired in June 1991 and in residence at St. Mary of the Angels, Williamsville; she signs up for regular holy hours each day in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and has assisted at the reception desk and was Director of Transportation.

Sister Dolores is an avid reader, particularly liking historical books about the Catholic Church and its impact on the moral code and legal system of our country. She enjoys classical music and documentaries and movies shown on the TV.