

Sister Mary Christopher Dixon – 60 years

A nurse is always a nurse. This is true for Sister Mary Christopher. From the Town of Vienna, N.Y. she entered the congregation in 1950, made her final profession of vows in 1956 and went on to study nursing at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica, N.Y. After receiving her nursing degree she went to Honolulu, Hawaii and Kalaupapa, Molokai where she ministered to those with Hansen's disease. When she returned to the mainland she continued her studies at St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, MD and Catholic University, Washington, DC. In 1967, Sister Christopher became the directress at Duns Scotus House of Studies in Washington.

Always a nurse, she was named directress of the school of nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital in 1974 and then in 1976 became the infirmary supervisory at St. Anthony's Convent infirmary. Continuing her nursing journey, Sister Christopher was a public health nurse for Onondaga County and then administrator of Home Care Service for Onondaga County Long Term Care. From 1979-1988, she resided at Loretto Rest Convent where she was the superior.

Mindful of caring for others, Sister Christopher began the St. Francis Social Adult Care Center in Syracuse and was its administrator from 1990 to 2009. Currently, she is an ER patient advocate at St. Joseph Hospital Health Care Center in Syracuse where her skills and caring as a health care minister are well respected.