

Sister Mary Martin Holly – 70 Years

One of 13 children, Sister Mary Martin was born in Tresckaw, PA. Sister Mary Martin entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse on November 29, 1940. She professed her perpetual Vows on August 18, 1945. She received a bachelor's Degree in education from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY and a master's Degree in Education from St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY. For 16 years, Sister Mary Martin was a catechetical teacher in and around Syracuse. These catechetical centers later became schools staffed by our Sisters. While teaching she was also a Social Worker in the parishes. For the next 23 years, Sister Mary Martin taught in schools in the states of New York, New Jersey and California.

While still very active she had a stroke in 1984. Though in a wheel chair she held the positions of Assistant in the Retirement Office and was a Clerical Assistant in our Community Congregational Offices. She is presently a Prayer Minister at Jolenta Convent.

One of Sister Mary Martin's claims to fame is that she was among the first sisters to drive a car in the community. Always positive, loving and with a sense of humor she endears herself to all those whom she encounters.