

Sister Mary Schifferle – 50 years

Born on December 22 in Buffalo, NY Sister Mary considers herself fortunate that her elementary and secondary education was with the Franciscan Sisters. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis right after high school and later received her master's Degree in Education.

Sister Mary's teaching experiences included the following schools: St. Gregory the Great, Nativity of our Lady, Sacred Heart, The Diocesan Educational Center, St. Bartholomew, St. Gerard – all in the Buffalo area. Sister Mary also taught at St. Anselm in Chicago for 11 years and is currently at St. Anthony of Padua in Greenville, SC for over 17 years.

Sister Mary has taught the second graders at St. Anthony's and prepared the children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the last 17 years. She further supported the children by tutoring and teaching computer classes after school.

Several years ago Sister Mary's job description was changed to Religion Teacher for the entire school. For many years she led all the children in praising God at weekly Prayer Celebrations. At present, she teaches K3 through Grade 6. Her duties include preparing and conducting a weekly Prayer celebration for K3-Grade 1. She is also planning and preparing the older children for the noon Mass each Friday. On Wednesdays Sister Mary is currently preparing 17 children of various ages for the sacraments. She also serves as Eucharistic Minister on Sundays.

For fun Sister Mary shops at thrift stores for many educational treasures. She also enjoys walking, music and nature.