

Sister Marilyn Hoeing (Formerly Sister Jeanne Marie) – 60 years

Sister Marilyn entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale from St. Wendelin Parish in Pittsburgh, Pa. During her years in the community, her ministry has taken a number of interesting turns, beginning with the very first few years when she taught in the junior high classes at Catholic schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Before long, Sister Marilyn began teaching in high schools staffed by the sisters. After instructing at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis. and taking advanced studies herself at Marquette University, Marilyn served as a guidance counselor in our high schools.

From 1982 to 1987, she served as associate director of staff development in the diocesan schools office. In 1992, Sister Marilyn became assistant director in the diocesan office for parish services and in 1994 moved to director in that same office. Sister Marilyn also served as principal at St. Joseph School in Lubbock, Texas; St. Wendelin School in Butler, Pa. and Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy in Pittsburgh, Pa. When she retired from the classroom, Sister Marilyn ministered as pastoral associate at St. Scholastica Parish and coordinator of spiritual care at St. Margaret Hospital in Aspinwall, Pa. Presently, Sister Marilyn lives at Mount Alvernia where she serves in prayer ministry.

Sister Marilyn believes her vocation has challenged her to accept as St. Francis did, Christ's invitation to "Go and rebuild my church." Her ministries have offered her a unique opportunity to collaborate with others in shaping the future of the church of Pittsburgh.