

Sister Jean Mulloy



Sister Alberta Marie Olsen with Sister Jean Mulloy.

Sister Jean Mulloy's ministries have taken her down a rewarding pathway. Her first ministry was at Cathedral High School in the South End. For Sister Jean, who entered in 1953, her classroom assignments expanded into much more as Cathedral's enrichment programs for children from the projects grew. By 1971, she was missioned to work in parishes in Waltham and Quincy where she visited the sick, taught adult education, and helped parishioners cope with everyday life. Later, she helped re-establish St. Mary of the Angels Parish in Roxbury in a challenging neighborhood where there was considerable unrest.

Sister Jean said, "We made a clear-cut decision to roll up our sleeves and help." Sisters went into the streets daily to get to know the people and the neighborhood. "It was exciting," said Sister Jean, who noted that when they arrived there the first Mass was attended by five people. Five years later, nearly 200 attended Mass, where now "the church was a presence."

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For the next 21 years, Sister Jean worked at Cardinal Cushing and St. Coletta Day schools in Braintree. As Vice President of Mission Effectiveness, she oversaw various programs for children and the elderly, and partnered the pastoral outreach with business management aspects.

Sister Jean also worked with 110 volunteers at Faith in Action Elderly Program in Watertown, and was Director of Pastoral Care at Franciscan Children's Hospital. Now semi-retired, Sister Jean coordinates the CSJ transportation program. Her cell phone is her office so that she can help sisters by arranging rides to appointments, to shop, or to visit friends and family.

Through her ministries, she helped create programs and partnerships as she witnessed "a lot of connecting." In fact, Sister Jean has experienced a sense of community everywhere she's been. "None of us works alone, and each of us has gifts to bring." †