

Sister Anna Edge



Sister Anna answers questions from Sister Helen Thomas Colbert about iPad usage during a recent Cyber Cafe session.

Sometimes, they call her the ‘computer doctor’ because responding to calls for technical help is part of Sister Anna’s day. She loves her ministry working in the IT Department of the Congregation because it allows her to use her gifts and talents to further the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston.

Sister Anna, who entered in 1978, taught for 11 years in grades three through eight at St. Clement Elementary School in Somerville. During that time computers were being introduced in the classroom, so when asked if she would attend a workshop on Apple computers she willingly volunteered. And thus it began.

Today, her job includes teaching the sisters and associates computer programs, applications, and the use of iPads. Sister Anna helps to keep the sisters who live out of state, at Bethany Health Care Center, and those who are unable to attend Congregation gatherings at the Motherhouse remain connected by video streaming these events over the Internet. She can also be seen repairing computers and answering many and varied questions related to technology.

“...Sister Anna feels blessed because she sees the mission of the Congregation being lived out each day, connecting neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God.”

Sister Anna has witnessed the wonders of technology reuniting sisters with their families. Like the time a sister was able to video chat using Skype with a family member she hadn’t seen for a number of years; or when another sister contacted her family in Ireland through email for the first time; or the privilege she experienced when residents at Bethany Hill School received certificates for completing courses she offered.

Enabling others to use technology with comfort and ease is a goal that Sister Anna strives for in her ministry. Through this ministry Sister Anna feels blessed because she sees the mission of the Congregation being lived out each day, connecting neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God. †