

Sister Frances Wool

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Sister Frances Wool can often be seen moving efficiently from one CSJ sponsored event to another, just one of her many jobs at the Motherhouse in Brighton. Through all her many ministries, she has dedicated herself to building relationships and community.

Sister Franny was born in South Boston, moving shortly thereafter to Dorchester. She attended St. Margaret's and went on to Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School. While studying to become a medical secretary at Aquinas Junior College in Milton, Sister Franny met the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Having a car, she regularly volunteered to drive the Sisters. In this way, Sister Franny was able to get to know many of them on a different level, outside of them being terrific instructors, and she grew very close to them. She was so impressed with the Sisters, their lives, their dedication, and their accomplishments that she decided to enter the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph immediately after graduating.

During her scholasticate (the formation period after the novitiate), she worked for Carondolet Commissary for three years, keeping an inventory, renewing supplies, and doing secretarial work. Subsequently, she worked as a Secretary at the St. Joseph Reading Clinic in Newton (currently the Jackson School), as Secretary and Registrar at Aquinas Junior College in Newton and as Administrative Assistant to the Principal at Cathedral High School.

While working at Cathedral, Sister Franny was greatly impressed by seeing the kindness and appreciation that the principal, Sister Pat Keaveney, SND showed to the entire staff. This appreciation carried over while she was working at Aquinas in Newton. There she and a group of Sisters had lunch with the custodial staff mainly to know them and to show appreciation for their contribution. "These experiences taught me to value the gifts that each person brings to make the CSJ mission whole". Sister Franny also states, "I love building relationships with all of the staff and with the caterers and vendors with whom I work. It's the little things that we can do for each other that make a difference!"

In 1994, Sister Franny joined the administrative staff at the Motherhouse, where she served as Treasurer for five years. She is still here and now wears many hats, such as - Assistant to the Treasurer, Assistant to the Building Administrator, manager of the Dear Neighbor Gift Shop, and scheduler for the Sister's Nahant property. Sister Franny is best known for her talent and skills, arranging the many functions and events for the community. She oversees the scheduling, room reservations, menus, vendors, and staffing and always makes her job look so easy!

