

Sister Jean Plausky

“My vocation story is a simple love story. As far back as I can remember, my parents taught me that God was wonderful and loved everyone.”

Sister Jean grew up in Jamaica Plain and Forest Hills, attending St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Andrew the Apostle Schools, where she was drawn to the Sisters of St. Joseph because of their dedication and deep love of God, their caring for each other and for their students. “In school, I learned more about loving God, and I wanted to do all I could for God, and I wanted to be a sister.”

“And I remember one special moment I had in the seventh grade. On Friday afternoons, I would stay and help Sister clean the Church, and clean the wax off the top of the candles. One day she asked me to put the candle back on top of the altar, and when I put it up there, I felt so special. I felt so close to God.”



Jean entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1960, and this year she will be celebrating her 60th anniversary! She has been blessed to serve in many ministries which enabled her to bring “the charism of loving unity” wherever she was. Sister Jean earned her Masters in Special Education at Boston University. She taught for over 42 years, beginning at the Boston School teaching aphasic children, followed by St. Francis Xavier School in South Weymouth. Then, with the Community supporting her, she took several years to care for her mother who had suffered a massive stroke. Following this, she returned to teach at St. Angela School in Mattapan and Pope John Paul II Academy in Dorchester. She studied summers earning her Masters in Christian Spirituality at Creighton University.

Sister Jean also became involved with Beginning Experience, a national organization that works with divorced, separated, widowed adults, as well as with children from single-parent families, guiding them through the grief process. She trained team members, gave workshops and talks at conferences, and then served as Administrator for four years. During summers, Sister worked on the Sisters of St Joseph Federation Research Team in France, transcribing translations of original documents. She was also part of a renewal program for Sisters of St. Joseph from all over the country. These were wonderful opportunities to travel and be part of exciting collaborative work.



Sister Jean currently mentors candidates for the Associate Program of the Sisters of St. Joseph, volunteers at The Literacy Connection, and visits residents at Bethany Health Care Center. One of the residents recently called out to her, “Sunshine!” telling her, “Isn’t that a good name for you?” Sister Jean thought to herself, “maybe God is asking me to bring love and light to others. I receive so much more than I give.”

“Each morning my prayer is to become a little more this day the great lover that God has called me to be.”