



Sister Maria Elena Mariani – 50 Years

Sister Maria Elena Mariani, formerly Sister Amelia, works in the Office for Mission Advancement at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse, and lives in community at St. Rose's Parish House in Lima NY. Sister says, "God is alive and well, in my life and gives me major clues each day." She says it is with this awareness that "I live my life looking for God in the moment. As a Sister of Saint Joseph I have been called and challenged to live in this manner. This way of living has permeated my life and ministry."

Sister credits living in community with enriching and challenging her life. "It has helped me to grow in awareness of myself and others, thus I have been blessed to have many wonderful relationships over the years."

Sister Maria Elena has answered the call of ministry joyously. "I have been fortunate to have had many wonderful mentors in my ministry assignments at Nazareth Academy, Women's Place, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, St. Joseph Convent Infirmary and teaching Religious Education at St. Lawrence and Immaculate Conception Rochester."

Today she continues to grow and challenge herself in her communications role with the SSJ Office for Mission Advancement. She has learned many skills and taken on new roles that continue to make everyday a wonderful adventure and provide new ways for the Sisters to help and reach thy neighbor. Sister Maria Elena organizes, edits and designs a bi weekly SSJ Newsletter. She is also a key contributor to the SSJ website, Facebook and Twitter pages as well as Blessings and e blessings. In these past years, she has also discovered a new skill as an artist. Sister is responsible for the design of many of the letters, brochures, pamphlets and other mailings sent out from the Office for Mission Advancement and from many of the ministries. She has also parlayed her new found talent in cards which can be found at the SSJ Gift Shop

