



Sister Mary Lynch (formerly Sister Mary de Porres) — 75 Years

"I entered the convent in the fall of 1945. After graduating from Nazareth College in 1949, I began the first of my two careers," says Sister Mary Lynch, formerly Sister Mary de Porres.

"I taught high-school math at Nazareth Academy and St. Agnes High from 1949 to 1973. At Nazareth College '67-'68, I taught four math courses, and then became registrar for two years. I finished an MS in math in '56 at Notre Dame U and from '59-'60, I went back on an NSF grant for further study in math.

"In 1970, I felt called to go into theology, religious education, spirituality. Mother Agnes Cecilia suggested I go back to NDU for theology with an emphasis on Scripture; I finished the MA in '75. I was religious-education director in parishes in Corning, Penfield, and Phelps. An invitation to be field consultant for the diocesan Religious Education Department came – 12 counties, and I put many miles on my car!

"I've tried to live by one of Mother Teresa's sayings, 'Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.'"