



Sister Marion Hactor (formerly Sister Thomas Marion) – 70 Years

Sister Marion Hactor, formerly Sister Thomas Marion, says these seven decades represent an extraordinary time of change for women religious. “From the distinctive garb of 17th century widows in France to American ‘contemporary dress,’ from group life at home to driving ourselves wherever we need to go, from our three principal works of teaching, nursing, and social work to a remarkable range of ministries, these decades have identified and met the needs of ‘the dear neighbor’ in new and wonderful ways,” says Sister Marion. “I am happy and proud to be part of it all!”

Sister Marion has spent the past 70 years ministering in higher education both as a teacher and academic administrator at Nazareth College. “At the end of the fall 2010 semester, one of my students graciously thanked me for the way I had conducted their class, adding ‘you’re a lot of fun!’ If that is the case, I have created the kind of relationship with my students that they both need and deserve.”

Sister also counts the love and support of her Congregation among the rewards of her life’s chosen path, saying: “What we have and hold in common—our ‘community of minds and hearts,’ is at the center of my daily living; in times of joy and of sorrow, as well as in ‘ordinary times,’ this gift of ‘family relationship’ with my Sisters in community is a profound blessing.”