



Sister Kathleen Weider – 50 Years

“When I entered this Congregation, I never could have imagined the extraordinary blessings these 50 years would hold! God’s generosity knows no bounds, and I will thank God all my life,” says Sister Kathleen Weider.

“Perhaps the best part is all the wonderful people – the relationships and lasting friendships. It is all the people who patiently taught me, challenged me to do things I never thought possible, and who welcomed me into their lives and worlds. To each one I say, thank you and promise you my prayers.

“I began my ministry work in education, teaching at St. Agnes High School and Nazareth Academy. For 16 years, I served in Campus Ministry at Nazareth College. One facet of that included establishing the Center for Service Learning and working with faculty to incorporate service into the academic curriculum. I served the Congregation in vocation ministry and as a member of the SSJ Leadership Team. Other ministries included: spiritual direction, retreats, and art.

“The most life-changing experiences were volunteer opportunities – first on the Sanctuary Committee, then making six trips to El Salvador during their civil war and protesting U.S. policies that repressed the country’s poor. After my first trip to El Salvador, I remember saying, ‘Once the suffering had names and faces, I knew I would never be the same.’”