



### **Sister Rosemary Mackie (formerly Sister Columba) – 70 Years**

Sister Rosemary (formerly Sister Columba) was drawn to the Sisters of Saint Joseph as a student at Nazareth Academy. “I saw the spirit of the Sisters in their commitment to education and service to the most needy,” recalls Sister Rosemary. “Integrity mattered to them. I soon wanted to follow in their footsteps.”

Sister Rosemary taught at St. Mary in Auburn; St. Monica, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Stanislaus, St. Agnes High School and St. Lucy in Rochester; St. Mary in Waterloo; St. Mary in Dansville; and St. Rose in Lima.

In 1987 she took on a new calling as a Housing Specialist with Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation. “My life took on a deeper meaning when I started working in the homes of the most vulnerable families in our local communities,” says Sister Rosemary. “Through my ministry I have aided in the establishment of housing programs throughout the Diocese to meet the needs of disadvantaged families and seniors. This seems to have brought me full circle back to our roots as Sisters of Saint Joseph going out among the neighbor and assisting in whatever way possible and now, I am ending my active ministry with the

completion of our newest housing project located at Mackie Lane.”

Sister Rosemary is thankful for the support of her fellow sisters. “The Sisters of Saint Joseph offer the flexibility and result-driven focus that gives support for my ministry. I value our community and the balance of life it offers. We are building hope together for all in our community.”