



Sister Maria Elena Mariani (formerly Sister Amelia) – 60 Years

“God is alive and well in my life and gives me major clues each day,” says Sister Maria Elena (formerly Sister Amelia). With this awareness she lives her life looking for God in the moment. “As a Sister of Saint Joseph I have been called and challenged to live in this manner,” says Maria Elena. “This way of living has permeated my life and ministry.”

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 is an integral team member of the SSJ Office for Mission Advancement. Sister Maria Elena helps maintain the SSJ website, and social media, as well as doing graphic design. A Nazareth Academy graduate and former faculty, she also provides a connect to former students who want to relate to the Congregation.