



*Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik
50 Years*

Sister Mary Bernadette was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania where she was a member of St. Nickolas Byzantine Catholic Church. Sister Bernadette entered religious life on February 8, 1961. Transferring from the Daughters of the Most Holy Savior, she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago on March 1, 1974. Sister Bernadette earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Calumet College in East Chicago, Indiana; a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University in Gary, Indiana; a Masters Degree in Health Administration from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri; and is board certified in Healthcare Management by the American College of Healthcare Executives and is a Fellow in the same organization.

Sister Bernadette has had a diverse ministry, accepting progressively greater responsibility and leadership. Among her many assignments, she has served as Vice President of Mission Integration and Administrative Services as well as Vice President of Support Services and Development at St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point, Indiana. Sister Bernadette also served as administrator of Guardian Angel Day Care Center in Chicago and as a faculty member at both St. Louise de Marillac School in LaGrange Park, Illinois and Holy Trinity Elementary School in Gary, Indiana. In 2003, she became both the Director of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Associates Program and Candidate Minister. Added to these two positions was the appointment as the Community's Novice Minister in 2004.

At the 19th General Chapter in June, 2008, Sister Bernadette was elected General Vicar. She remains the Director of the Associates program.

*Thank you, Sister Bernadette,
and congratulations on your
50th Jubilee!*