

Sister Mary Shawn Kavanagh, SSND - 60 Year Jubilee!



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As I reflect on 60 years as a professed SSND there are many memories. One that touched my heart was 20 years of nursing at The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center in New York City. This was home to children with a variety of disabilities and I loved each one. This was their home. Most of the families could not care for their complex medical conditions and the equipment they needed. It was a Skilled Nursing Facility with children from the Neo-natal ICU's Their personalities shone through their inability to walk, talk, or eat. They had traches, oxygen, tube feedings, and adapted wheel chairs but inside each child was a shining light waiting to be loved and cared for. There was never a dull moment on the nursing units as we cared for the children, and got them ready for in-house special ed school, clinics, hospital visits and fun activities too. I was blessed to do what I loved - pediatric nursing and being "grandma" to our kids of The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center.