

Sister Yvonne Nadeau SSND - 70 Year Jubilee!



An aspirant, teacher of French, Traveler, Musician and Organist.

Sister Yvonne Nadeau began her ministry in New Jersey at two Catholic schools where she served as a teacher. She was quite happy when she received her “obedience” to teach at Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, New York. This was an opportunity for her to reconnect with family and friends and begin teaching Mathematics to high school students.

Sister Yvonne was a seamstress and as one of her extra-curricular activities at Bishop Kearney, she used her skills to make costumes for students performing in high school musicals and became one of the stage hands painting and preparing props.

Sister Yvonne was also grateful for the opportunity to be closer to her aging mother and assist her in her daily living. During her mother’s final years, Yvonne stopped teaching to care for her her.

During this time, Yvonne began a new ministry in the Diocese of Rochester as a pastoral assistant at Good Shepherd Parish in Rochester and St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Honeoye Falls, N.Y. Father Lawrence Gross was pastor at both parishes and Yvonne was very happy to work with her long-time family and personal friend. Both the Nadeau and Gross families lived in the Saints Peter and Paul area and attended Saints Peter and Paul Elementary School.

Sister Yvonne was pastoral assistant and served as bookkeeper at both parishes. Parishioners at St. Paul of the Cross still keep in contact with Yvonne and send her weekly bulletins and information concerning friends and parishioners.

Yvonne Marie Nadeau was born on January 27, 1930 in Rochester, N.Y., one of three daughters to parents, Marie Sarah LeBlanc from New Brunswick, Canada and Cleophas Joseph from Island Pond, Vermont. She entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Baltimore in the summer of 1947, and professed first vows in 1950. She ministered as an educator for almost five decades and nearly 20 years as a pastoral associate and minister. She now ministers in prayer and presence.