Sister Henrice Eckert SSND - 75 Year Jubilee!

Seventy-five years have passed since Mary Henrice Eckert took her first vows as a School Sister of Notre Dame. This May, the former Academy of the Holy Angels staff member celebrated her Gold, Ruby & Diamond Jubilee in Wilton, Connecticut, with all of the School Sisters from the Atlantic-Midwest Province who reached milestones this year. Sister Henrice’s parish also celebrated her at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River.

Born Catherine Eckert at Saint Catherine’s Hospital in New York, Sister Henrice grew up in Queens. Inspired by her friend, the 14-year-old student entered the Aspiranture and religious life at Fort Lee, New Jersey, where girls aspired to prepare for religious life.

A 1941 graduate of the Academy of the Holy Angels Henrice studied at St. John’s University and Seton Hall University. She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in education with a concentration in science, and a Master’s Degree in guidance and counseling.

She began teaching at Holy Family School in Rochester, New York, and later returned to her alma mater as a college counselor. She helped move Holy Angels to its current location in Demarest in 1965, and logged nearly 30 years of guiding AHA students toward their ideal colleges and universities. Sister Henrice retired from Holy Family School in Norwood at the age of 88.

Sister Henrice is a well-loved woman who is known for her compassion, wisdom, and dedication. She has found joy and fulfillment wherever she has served.