

Sister Maureen Ulatowski, SSND – 60 Year Jubilee!



"I am truly blessed!"

I can remember that I wanted to be a Sister from early on, somewhere between 2nd or 3rd grade. I didn't talk about it and went on with my life.

When it was time for high school, I took the entrance exam for two schools. I was accepted at St. John Nepomucene Commercial High School. This is where I first met the SSND. It was a wonderful school for me and I truly loved the Sisters. When I told them of my interest in becoming a Sister, they encouraged me to enter SSND. So after high school, I entered on September 7, 1963. It was a very happy day for me.



My parents and brother were very proud and supportive of my decision. My dad found it hard in the beginning because he missed his little girl. He adjusted as time went on.



My ministries have varied from teaching Pre-K to 8th grade students to special needs children. I have always had a special place in my heart for them.

I received my master's in special education from Hofstra University in 1976 and did teach special needs children in Long Island, NY and Brooklyn, NY before coming to CT.

Half of my career has been with special needs children.

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I had always wished that the Diocese of Bridgeport would open a school for special needs children. Well, it became a reality in 1999 when St. Catherine Academy opened.

When my mom was no longer able to take care of herself, I moved to Bridgeport. I applied for a position at St. Catherine's in 2004 and have been there ever since. This is my 21st year. These children have brought me so much joy and have taught me about the meaning of simplicity of life. They have blessed and enriched me and for this I am most grateful.

Since moving to 3030 Park, (formerly "Watermark") I've had the privilege of becoming friends with one of the residents. She was not Catholic, but I invited her to come to our Sunday Mass. She came and never missed a Sunday after that. She decided she wanted to become a Catholic. I was thrilled that I had played a small part in her conversion. What a glorious day it was for her and her family. How happy she is to be Catholic. It's never too late to change. She's 93.

My journey with SSND has been enriching and wonderful. I have been blessed to have lived with so many Sisters who taught me the meaning of community and what it means to be one. I continue to thank God for my vocation and pray that I may be of service to all whom I encounter. I am truly blessed!