Mission Moment

Featuring our 2026 Jubilarians

Please enjoy these brief vignettes of our Jubilarians...



Sr. Mary Antonine Manning ~ Jubilee of Joy, 75 years

- Has always been devoted to the SND global mission efforts, especially in India and Uganda
- Is the last living SND who came from Cleveland to minister in California

Sr. Mary Joanne Wittenburg ~ Iron Jubilee, 65 years

- Has a deep appreciation for Los Angeles and its history
- Co-authored *A History of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles*

Sr. Gina Marie Blunck ~ Diamond Jubilee, 60 years

- Has loved all of her ministries, but most recently, she has been inspired by seeing the global sisterhood in action
- "I am too young to be a Diamond Jubilarian..."

Sr. Mary Richardlyn Jones ~ Diamond Jubilee, 60 years

- With her love of reading, her ministry for the last six years has been service as a librarian, fulfilling a long-term desire
- Delights in her arts and crafts hobbies, especially crocheting

Sr. Shirley Marie McGovern ~ Diamond Jubilee, 60 years

- Has found her most fulfilling ministry to be bringing Jesus to the incarcerated
- Passionately follows the Los Angeles Dodgers

Sr. Mary Joyanne Sullivan ~ Diamond Jubilee, 60 years

- "OCIA is the ministry that keeps me filled with hope, accompanying and forming disciples of Jesus..."
- Is known as "Sister Picasso" for her very creative oil paintings

Sr. Donna Marie Appert ~ Ruby Jubilee, 40 years

- Originally from Philadelphia, she now considers herself to be an Angeleno
- Cherishes more than 10 years she spent in healthcare ministry, but now feels fulfilled as an educator at Notre Dame Academy in Los Angeles

Sr. Mary Colette Theobald ~ Ruby Jubilee, 40 years

- Considers her ministries in East Africa to be immensely inspirational, especially the peoples' ability to see God in their everyday lives, their yearning for education and their warm hospitality
- Is a much-appreciated technology guru

Also pictured is Sr. Mary Karen Somerville, a Jubilarian from the Chardon Region, and relative of Sr. Mary Antonine's.