

## 2024 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Every year, jubilee celebrations of all the religious women and men are held at our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, Los Angeles. Most DMJs accompanied our jubilarians to the Cathedral. Here are our 2024 jubilarians with the Archbishop in the middle and Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



### October 2024 Celebration at Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Palos Verdes:

It is always a tradition for the Daughters of Mary and Joseph in California to celebrate Jubilees in October. The 2024 jubilee celebrations were no different.



The eve of the Jubilee celebration: Srs: Theresa Berry, Louis Marie, Enda, Karen and Sheila Klopper(Associate)

In the afternoon of Sunday, October 20, 2024, about 100 people (DMJs, family, friends, colleagues) arrived at Mary and Joseph Retreat Center to celebrate the jubilees of religious profession of 6 of our Sisters: 70 years—Mary Enda Creegan, Louis Marie Hanrahan, Nora Agnes Murphy; 60 years—Mary Mortz, Linda Webb; 50 years—Helen Vigil: **380 years of ministry as DMJs!!**  
(Unfortunately, Nora Agnes couldn't be present, but she was certainly part of the celebration!)





Some of the Sisters going to the Retreat Center

Fr. Bill Garcia was the main celebrant and concelebrating with him were Fr. Gill, Msgr. Sork and Fr. Will Connor.



**2024 Jubilarians**



**4 generations of Vigils came to celebrate with Aunt Helen !**

**Some DMJ's and Associates**



**Brief reflections from the jubilarians:**

"I am so proud and grateful to be called to being a DMJ. This jubilee celebration was so good! The Liturgy presided was our Fr. Bill Garcia (previous Josephite) but fully one with us. He led a prayerful and funny and relaxing Mass with guest priests and many of our friends and family and associates over the years. The loud and wonderful celebration continued upstairs in the dining room. I don't feel old but I guess 60years is getting up there!" Mary Mortz



“The jubilee celebration was made very special by the presence of several friends from St. Paul the Apostle parish: Fr. Jerry Tully, Paulist, who now serves in San Diego, many parishioners, teachers, parents, and former students. I spent 30 of my 70 years teaching at St. Paul’s. Enda”



“I left home in August 1951 to begin my journey as a Daughter of Mary and Joseph. Here I am in 2024 in my 70<sup>th</sup> year as a DMJ. God is good.” Louis Marie



**Sr. Louis Marie cuts the cake with Sr. Nora Agnes at St. John of God Nursing Home.**

“I entered Rosary Convent in Ballymahon, Co. Longford in 1951. It is unbelievable that I am still a Daughter of Mary and Joseph and celebrating 70 years as a vowed woman. Amen.” Nora Agnes

“Celebrating the unique life journey of each jubilarian, I was amazed, thankful, and impressed with the myriad ways that each of us has been used as instruments of mercy in God’s hands throughout the years!! This celebration was certainly a time to give thanks for all DMJs throughout our 200+ years, those on whose shoulders we are now standing, and those who continue to respond today, and tomorrow, to God’s call to be instruments of mercy in God’s hands in whatever way God beckons. *“For all that has been, thanks. For all that is to come, thanks!” Linda Webb*

**So, here ends the year 2024 and we welcome you all to the year 2025!!**