SISTER OF CHARITY CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Sister Margaret McCarthy celebrated her 70th anniversary of religious life with Mass and dinner at St. Vincent’s motherhouse in Saint John Sept. 8, feast of the Birth of Mary. Originally from Edmonton, Alta., she entered the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception Sept. 8, 1941, taking the name Sister Mary Hugh. In Saint John, she taught school and ministered among orphans. She also taught in Vancouver, B.C. and on the Maliseet reserve in Tobique, N.B. From 1969-91, she taught at the former St. Vincent’s High School in Saint John.

After 35 years of teaching, Sister McCarthy graduated from a nursing assistant program and served among retired sisters at Ruth Ross Residence in Saint John. She was active with L’Arche communities among persons with disabilities in Wolfville, N.S. and Vancouver. Sister McCarthy served as a parish assistant in Blackville, N.B. and was also missioned in Stewart and Prince George, B.C. During a sabbatical year, she and Sister Thérèse Kergoat, SCIC went to Bolivia to help open a school and hospital. Sister McCarthy returned to Saint John in 2005.

At her celebration, she was joined by a nephew and three nieces from British Columbia. Presiding at the anniversary Mass her nephew, Father John McCarthy, said his aunt continues to speak the gospel with her life. (SCIC photo)