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Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

La Crosse, Wisconsin – A Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration with ties to your area is celebrating her Diamond Jubilee, marking 60 years of vowed religious life.

Sister Jean Ann Rausch was born in Fort Atkinson, Iowa and was the second child of Alex and Loretta Rausch and has 10 brothers and sisters. At the age of 14 she entered St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, Wisconsin as an Aspirant and attended St. Rose High School.

Sister Jean Ann earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in social science at Viterbo College (now known as Viterbo University) in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and a master's degree in science from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. From 1962 to 1993, she ministered as a junior high school teacher at schools in Wisconsin (Assumption in Durand and Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse) and Iowa (St. Pius in Cedar Rapids, St. Lawrence and Holy Spirit in Carroll and St. John's in Bancroft). During a sabbatical in 1993-1995, Sister Jean Ann earned a master's degree in theological studies from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California. In Iowa, she served for two years as a guidance counselor at Seton School in Algona and for 20 years as a pastoral minister at St. Michael's Parish in Sioux City. Sister Jean Ann retired in 2017 and now volunteers at the Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center, Pius X Parish and the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The FSPA community will celebrate Sister Jean Ann's jubilee at St. Rose Convent on Aug. 14th with her classmates and family.

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