

Name of Jubilarian: Sister Margaret Lorimer

Name of Birthplace/Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Education, schools attended, and degrees received:

*Maryhurst College, Oregon - Bachelor of Arts
Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin - Masters of Arts
St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri - Ph.D.*

Overview of positions held, locations, and dates where Sister Margaret has ministered:

*1952-95 - Marian College, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin - History
1960-61 - St. Mary's Springs*

Thoughts on Religious Life:

We sisters who were professed in 1960 made our vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes at a time when the American Church and, with it, religious life were more widely respected than at any time before or since. Our lives were traditional and ordered, and, as far as we knew, as immutable as the Church itself.

But the newly elected Pope John XXIII had just called the Church to renewal and response to the needs of the modern world, particularly those of the disenfranchised and the poor. And so we found that the Church could change.

And we could too. We revised our prayer life, and our community structures, and our lifestyle. We had more opportunities for spiritual and professional growth. We engaged in new ministries. We established a Peace and Justice office in the congregation and gave priority to serving the poor, especially women and children. We lost our anonymity and tried to use our new responsibilities as individuals wisely.

These changes did not come cheaply or easily.

We are now celebrating our fiftieth year as members of an apostolic religious congregation which is currently among those being questioned by a committee appointed by a member of the Roman curia to —well, what we really don't know.

We do know that along the way we have made mistakes but have tried to be faithful to the spirit of the Gospel and our Founders. And we leave the rest to God.