

Welcome to the Sisters of Mercy Project

In 2014, Andrew Sharples '16, of the Boy Scouts of Troop 23, North Attleboro, with the help of some family, friends, students and Feehan faculty, led an effort to recover and compile biographical information of the Sisters of Mercy who founded the education of Bishop Feehan High School. Whenever possible, personal quotes and comments were included to spark treasured memories of these special women. The Sisters of Mercy have left an indelible impact on the school, alumni, faculty, and the community that is still ingrained today. The mission of this project was to preserve the positive culture, that the Sisters instilled in the school's tradition, and to honor them, so the Feehan Family will never forget their dedication to God, the school, and others.

“We dedicate our lives to connecting...
The rich with the poor,
The healthy with the sick,
The educated and skilled with the uninstructed,
The influential with the oppressed,
The powerful with the weak,
Our name is Mercy.”

The Sisters of Mercy Project is a LIVING document. The biographies below are a compilation of the Project's efforts to-date. Personal interviews, the internet, Sisters of Mercy Archives, yearbooks, directories, History/Anniversary books on Bishop Feehan High School and Sisters of Mercy were all used as resources. We would like to disclose that any errors on the accuracy of this information was certainly not intentional, but presented as found from our extensive efforts of research with the available resources.

Thank you, and God bless.

Sister Jessica Aguiar

Sister Jessica Aguiar worked in the business office and as Mr. O'Boy's secretary during the 1980's. She resides in Attleboro, MA with Sr. Rose McClellan as of March, 2017.

Dr. M. Therese Antone RSM

Sister Antone was born in Central Falls, RI and graduated from Cumberland High School. She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree from Salve Regina University, a Master's degree from Villanova University, and a Doctor of Education degree from Harvard University. She also completed the Senior Executive Program at the MIT Sloan School of Management. Sister Antone was Principal at Feehan for 4 years until May 1973 and also taught Math and German.

She is remembered as a fine principal with great leadership skills who was always open to new ideas. For Instance, in her second year of administration, Sister prepared Feehan for accreditation by the New England Association of Independent Colleges and Secondary Schools. As a result of Sister's endeavors, a more innovative curriculum and more flexible class scheduling in the school was achieved. Sister Antone also served as President of

Salve Regina University from 1994 until 2009 when she was appointed Chancellor of Salve Regina University.

Sister Anna Aylward

Sister Anna Aylward worked as a volunteer and was involved in everything and anything that had to do with Feehan. She was the founder of the current advancement offices. She later died in 1993.

Sister Georgina Biltcliffe

Sister Georgina Biltcliffe was born on December 14, 1921 in Fall River. She lived in the convent and gained years of teaching experience. She began working at Bishop Feehan in 1981 and worked as a librarian. As a librarian, she taught Library Techniques I. She left Feehan in 1985 and later died on December 1, 1994.

Sister Audrey Blake

Sister Audrey Blake was born in Newport, RI to William J. and Margeret Blake and received her Bachelor's degree in Education at Catholic Teacher's College in Providence, RI, her Master's at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., then completed post graduate studies in Theology at Xavier University in Chicago. Later, she worked at St. Mary's School in Pawtucket, St. Mary's Academy in East Providence, Salve Regina University, and finally Bishop Feehan High School. Sister Audrey was an American History teacher at Feehan until 1990 and died in 2012.

“The atmosphere at the school was created by the first principal and embraced over the years I taught at Bishop Feehan by both the students and the faculty. The one thing that makes Feehan special today is how we excel in academics.” - Sr. Audrey Blake

Sister Noel Blute

Born in Fall River, Mass., she was baptized Eleanor Marie Blute, and was the daughter of the late James and Mary E. (Cox) Blute. Sister Blute earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the former Catholic Teachers College in Providence; a Bachelor of Arts in English and Latin from Salve Regina College (now University), Newport; and a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. She entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 8, 1941 and professed her vows on August 16, 1947. Sister Blute's teaching ministries included the former St. Charles School, Woonsocket; the former St. Mary School, Pawtucket; St. Theresa School, Pawtucket; the former St. Peter and Paul School, West Warwick; the former St. Matthew School, Cranston; Bishop Feehan High School, and Salve Regina University.

While at Feehan, Sister taught English and was Head of the Department. When moderating the Journalism Club, she led the students to write an article on a monthly basis in the Attleboro Sun, called the Feehan Flash. She was known for her tall stature and partiality to male students.

In 1973, Sister Blute was elected to the Provincial Council of the Sisters of Mercy and then returned to Bishop Feehan High School in 1976. In 1979, she was elected Provincial Administrator and served 6 years in that capacity. In 1987 up to 1999, she served as Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Fall River. Sister Blute subsequently served in pastoral ministry at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Fall River, before retiring in 2000. Sister Mary Noel Blute died Oct. 20, 2011 at Mount St. Rita Health Centre after a long illness at the age of 88.

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, “a gifted English teacher and writer who penned the first history of Bishop Feehan on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.” -Lou Gazzola '66, English Teacher, Guidance Counselor

Sister Janice Brady

Janice Brady left the community of the Sisters of Mercy. She was an AP Chemistry teacher during her time at Feehan. She later married and taught at Portsmouth Priory.

Sister Mary Cahill

Mary Cahill entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1926 and professed her vows in 1929. She graduated Salve Regina with a Bachelor's degree in Science and became a math teacher at Bishop Feehan High School. She left the Sisters of Mercy Community, lived in Ireland and later retired to the prayer ministry in 1986. Later, she passed away in 1997, at the age of 89.

Sister Charlene Christi

Sister Charlene Christi taught at Bishop Feehan High School for a short period of time. She left the Sisters of Mercy and married later in life.

Sister Patricia Combies

Sister Patricia Combies is a native of Providence and entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1960. She is a graduate of St. Xavier Academy, earned a Bachelor's in English at Salve Regina University, holds a Master's in English from Rhode Island College and her Doctoral degree in Rhetoric from the Carnegie-Mellon Institute. When working at Bishop Feehan as an English teacher, Sister used to engage her students by role playing whatever piece of literature they were reading in class. In addition to teaching English, she also taught a Journalism class. When she lived at Mount Saint Rita, Sister brought her perspective and sensitivity to board meetings. She was also a Former Provincial of the Providence Community. As Provincial, she was instrumental in rebuilding the Sisters of Mercy in her Community and was recognized by her Regional Community for her skills and vision in 2000. Sister Patricia moved to Middletown RI where she took a position as Associate Professor of English at Salve Regina University as of November 2014.

Sister Killian Connelly

Sister Killian Connelly received her Masters of Arts degree in Business Education at Catholic University of America. She started working at Bishop Feehan in the late 60's and taught Business classes, was Chair of the Business Department, Moderator of the Secretarial Club and later become the Vice Principal. Referred to as someone who was

quiet and reserved, she went about her business efficiently, effectively, doing her job by being a good teacher. Sister Killian resides in Cumberland RI as of November 2014.

Susan Connelly

Susan Connelly taught English at Bishop Feehan before leaving the Sisters of Mercy. She retired from Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, RI.

Sister Mary Enda Costello

Sister Mary Enda Costello came to Bishop Feehan in 1964. Before teaching at Bishop Feehan, Sister Costello taught at Bay View. At Bishop Feehan, Sister taught British Literature, Humanities, Journalism, Drama, and was a Library Monitor. She loved Russian and Teutonic, but she took the most pride in her yearbook, the Feehan Flashback, for which she was the Adviser. According to Sister Costello, the yearbook wasn't just about throwing a lot of pictures in. It was to teach students. The yearbooks that she put together with her students won many awards, including one from Columbia Press. As of 1983, the Feehan yearbooks had won 24 national awards and she was even nominated for a NCEA award in 1998. Being a huge fan of traveling, she brought her experiences and studies from world travels to her students, and incorporated them into their education. She was famous for her fascinating trips, such as her trip to the University of Wales as a chaperone. In 1984, Sister led the FEF and also escorted 5 students to Greece on the annual trip. At one point, she was a Principal of the Kinsdale Primary School in England. Although Sister Costello was soft spoken, she was very well read and firm in her words. Sister said, "If you demand order and discipline from your students, you will get it." Sister Mary Enda Costello passed away October 11, 1995.

From the Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, "Sister had the greatest impact. When it comes to knowledge of literature, she was equal of any PhD at any Ivy League school. To her I owe the great debt of my love for language and literature, my ability to write coherently, and inspiring and guiding my vocation as an English Teacher. In exchange, I was happy to help her with numerous trips to and from the hairdresser, Christmas shopping, the occasional lunch and dinner, and covering her classes when she decided to take days off for whimsical field trips. It was all worth it, because the experience of knowing Sister Enda was priceless."

-Lou Gazzola '66 ,English Teacher, Guidance Teacher

Sister Regina Coughlin

Sister Regina Coughlin was born on November 7, 1935. Before teaching at Feehan, she graduated at St. Francis Xavier University in 1954, received her Bachelor's at Salve Regina University in 1959, and earned her Master's in Education from Rhode Island College. She joined the Sisters of Mercy on September 24, 1959 and said her perpetual vows on August 16, 1967. Over the twenty three years that she was at Feehan, she was the Director of Guidance and led over 5,900 students. She wasn't just the Director of Guidance, but also taught her students about the gospels. In addition, the idea of becoming a physical education teacher was planted in her head. Sister Coughlin was known for the dedication she had for her students. She loved and fought for them. Always being there for her students, Sister even went all the way to the University of

Notre Dame to get a student into college and challenged the directors at Dartmouth to get a student accepted. Sister Coughlin passed away on March 2, 2010.

“There was always a family spirit at Feehan. Simply put, Feehan teaches students to care.” -Sr. Regina Coughlin

Sister Mary Kateri Costa

Sister Kateri Costa was one of 11 children. Her mother taught financial and managerial skills to her children, and Kateri was a good student. She first met the Sisters of Mercy at St. Kilian School in New Bedford, MA. In eighth grade, Sister Costa recalls her pastor pointing to her and announcing that “She’ll wear the veil.” In the spring of 1945, her principal brought her and a friend to Mt. St. Rita to visit with novices. They both signed up that day. Sister Costa’s early years were spent at Mt. St. Mary in Fall River, MA, where she taught in elementary and high schools. Holding degrees and certificates in home economics, gerontology, and business administration, she used these skills creatively in her teaching and work with the elderly in the community and parish. Sister Mary Kateri was one of the “Feehan First” Sisters of Mercy, to found the school and was selected to be the Head of the Religion Department for the majority of the 60's. Also, she and Sr. Rochelle help start up the Theater Program at Feehan by directing events such as “Feehan Frolic” and the “Christmas Concert.” She also helped establish the Bishop Feehan Chorus that would sing at concerts and special events. The creation of the chorus led to the development of the Feehan Choir and Glee Clubs in future years. Sister Mary's legacy remains a crucial part of Feehan culture today. In addition, she was a Mother Provincial of the Providence Sisters of Mercy and lived in Riverside, where she offered a listening ear to her neighbors by sharing in prayer, and giving advice. Sister Mary Kateri has spent at least 64 years as a Sister of Mercy, is at least 82 years old, and is currently residing in Riverside RI, as of November 201

Sister Olive Coupe

Sister Olive Coupe entered the Sisters of Mercy on February 2, 1941 and went through graduate study in Library Science at Salve Regina University. Being a graduate of Saint Xavier Academy in Providence in 1938, she began teaching the third grade at Saint Joseph School in Pawtucket, then at Saint Mary’s in North Attleboro. Later at Feehan, in the fall of 1973, she taught English, Algebra and Drivers Education and was considered a strict but good teacher. Sister Olive ran the Candy Store from 1997 to her retirement in 2005. By doing this she got the opportunity to see the other side of the students. For the extended Feehan community, Sr. Olive also ran Bingo in the school's foyer. She was a diehard Yankee’s Fan and was also named a Distinguished Alumni in 1997. Sister Olive Coupe passed away on June 01, 2014.

“The Sisters created the feeling of warmth and excellence at Feehan. The religion classes and religious services framed the education we gave to the students. Our Catholic faith is the foundation of how we lived and what we taught.” -Sr. Olive Coupe

Sister Vincent Ferra Cox

Sister Vincent Ferra Cox was the aunt of Sister Noel Blute. She worked at Bishop Feehan in the Library during her retirement. Sister died in April 18, 1992.

Sister Anastasia Davis

Sister Anastasia Davis worked at Feehan in the Business Office from 1972 through 1978. She passed away December 23, 1987.

Sister Therese DeLisle

Sister Therese DeLisle was a captivating story teller and taught Music at Bishop Feehan. She does Ministry of Prayer and has done much art work for the Sisters of Mercy Community, including her famous painting of Frances Warde for Mt. St. Rita Health Center. She currently resides in Bristol RI, as of November 2014.

Sister Angelica Denny

Sister Angelica Denny graduated from Boston College and was an educator and artist. At Bishop Feehan, she taught Religion and Latin, encouraging conversation and discussion in class. In addition, Sister Angelica started Feehan TV in 1967; created "It's Academic" which was the school's version of the College Bowl; led the National Honor Society; and debuted on WHDH station Channel 5 on December 18, 1966. She was the founder of the Mercyhurst Art Department and was honored by artwork dedicated to her at the school. She has since left the community.

Sister Elizabeth Ann Doyle

Sister Elizabeth Ann Doyle, who was lovingly referred to as Sister Betty taught Religion and English at Bishop Feehan and was the Moderator for the Future Teachers' Club. Sister Betty came to Feehan in September 1970 and left June 1981 and when asked her reason for leaving, she said she wanted to "explore the environment of adult spirituality and minister to adults in the Church". Sister moved to Sagamore on the Cape.

"The reason I became a Sister of Mercy, specifically, was because I had been surrounded by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy all my life. They were in my community and high school. I loved the sisters dearly and that is why I wanted to become a Sister of Mercy". ~Sister Elizabeth Doyle

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, Sister Elizabeth Doyle, for whom I taught Religion for, "inspired me and gave me guidance through out the years" and she will always be grateful to her. -Anne Carroll, Mercy Associate and Social Studies Teacher

Sister Catherine Dufault

Sister Catherine Dufault was born in 1942 and started working at Bishop Feehan in 1970. She taught Geometry and other Math classes. She left Feehan in 1971 and later died on November 28, 2000.

Sister Frances Mary Durlack

Sister Frances Durlak graduated from Salve Regina University. When she came to Bishop Feehan, she taught religion, Spanish, and, for one year, geometry. She was the first to teach Spanish beyond the second level, teaching third and fourth level Spanish. She also led student trips to Spain and Mexico City. In addition, she was Director of the Drama

Club, Moderator for the Drill & Majorette teams and a Guidance Counselor. Frances left the community to finish her Masters degree in Spanish. She is at the University of Miami. She is currently on the adjunct faculty of the Pope St. John xxiii National Seminary, Weston, MA, where she began the teaching of Spanish for Ministry 19 years ago.

Sister Lois Eveleth

Sister Lois Eveleth is a former member of the community of the Sisters of Mercy and currently resides at Salve Regina in Newport, RI. English was the subject she taught at Feehan.

Sister Mary Timothy (Kathleen) Farley

Sister Mary Timothy (Kathleen) Farley entered religious life in 1945. When coming to Feehan in 1965, she taught Religion and was Head of the Business Department. In addition, the theatre production of "Camelot" was put on under her direction at Feehan.

Sister Veronica Fay

Sister Veronica Fay was born in 1918, in Providence, Rhode Island, to Patrick C. Fay and Sarah Fay as Sarah Veronica Fay. Born into a rather large family, she was a sister to Mary Cooney and Rita, Stephen, Charles, John, Joseph, Francis, George, and Frederick Fay. At the age of 18, on September 8, 1936, Sister Veronica Fay became a Sister of Mercy. 3 years later, she made her final vows on March 12, 1939. She graduated from the former Catholic Teachers College in Providence, as well as from Salve Regina College in Newport, RI, and Notre Dame University in Notre Dame, Indiana. Being very talented artistically, she chose to create the Stations of the Cross in ceramics as her project for her Master's degree. Later, she began to teach at various schools including the former Tyler School in Providence, RI, the former St. Francis Xavier Academy, also in Providence, St. Mary School and St. Edward School, both in Pawtucket, RI, Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and Mercy College in Detroit, Michigan. At Bishop Feehan, she taught multiple art classes. Among the art classes she taught were Art I, Art II, Art III, Art IV, and Mechanical Drawing. Sister Veronica Fay was also the Art Department Chairman as well as a Humanities teacher. She taught at Bishop Feehan for 17 years, from 1971 to 1988. Many of her students went on to Art Schools. In 1998, Sister Veronica Fay retired to St. Mary Convent. At age 85, December 2, 2003, Sister Veronica Fay died at her home in Cumberland, Rhode Island. She had been a Sister of Mercy for 67 years.

Sister Zita Foley

Sister Zita Foley assisted Mr. Galligan as Dean of Discipline during the 1980's. She retired to Mt. St. Rita's Health Center in Cumberland, RI.

Sister Ruth Follett

Sister Ruth Follett, (formerly Sister Mary LaSalette) was born in Providence, RI to Edward and Christine (McAdam) Follett. She entered the Sister of Mercy on September 8, 1934. Sister Ruth was a graduate of the former St. Francis Xavier Academy in Providence, class of 1934; earned a Bachelor's degree from Salve Regina College (now University); and an Master's in Education from Boston University. During her educational ministry, she taught at the former Tyler School in Providence and St. Edward School in Pawtucket.

In 1944, she was appointed to St. Catherine Academy in Belize. In 1949 she was transferred to the former St. Xavier Academy; and later ministered as a teacher at Bishop Feehan; and then the former Mount St. Mary Academy in Fall River. Sister returned to St. Xavier Academy in 1969 where she spent a total of 25 years teaching. During her time at Feehan she taught Business classes. In 1983, she became the librarian in St. Mary's School, Cranston, RI. Sister died on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010 in Woonsocket, RI, at the age of 93.

Sister Helene Fortin

Sister Helene Fortin was a graduate of St. Bonaventure College and later taught Biology and Theology at Bishop Feehan. In addition to teaching, she was the Moderator of the Future Careers in Science Club. She then left the community and got married, but remained close with the Sisters in the Community. She passed away on May 18, 2014.

Sister M. (Marion) Urban Geddes

Sister was born in Cumberland, RI to a farming family. She became Feehan's first Principal in 1961 and who started the "Feehan's First" slogan. Sister Geddes is remembered for her daily morning announcements, warm heart and enthusiastic spirit. A special treat that Sister started for the Attleboro Area, was hosting the US Navy to play a concert in the school auditorium. She served 5 years as principal until July 1966, when she became Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Fall River Diocese. As Superintendent of Schools, Sister organized the First Teacher's Conference in 1969. Sister Urban Geddes was the symbol of what Feehan stood for in the founding years. Along with the other Sisters, she was able to provide a beacon of leadership to lay down the foundations of the school we know and love today. On May 12, 1981, Sister passed away.

Sister Marie Rosaire Goforth

Sister Rosaire Goforth earned her Master's of Education degree from Boston University. Later at Bishop Feehan, Sister became the head of the Business Department from 1989-1986; was Moderator for both the Future Business Leaders of America and the Future Secretaries clubs; and taught many business classes from September 1974 until her death on July 30, 1986. She dedicated herself to service for 45 years as a teacher and a Sister of Mercy.

In a write up, following her death, in *Clouds of Mercy*,

" Sister Marie Rosaire always had a smile on her face. Her inner happiness shone out through her countenance and radiated to all those whose lives she touched.

Sister Rose Angela McLellan was perhaps Sister Marie Rosaire's dearest friend. Although shocked by her death, Sister Rose Angela remembers her as God's gift to all: "Her beauty shone brightly in her relationship with people. She never tired of doing for others. At school her days were spent in dedication to her students. She was like "Lady Liberty" who graciously reached out to the tired, the poor and the lonely bringing them comfort. At the convent, she was a silent source of beauty, for no season passed, no holiday occurred, no party came to be without the hours of work she put into creating a

theme of loveliness, full of color and wonder and magic. She made the convent a homey place of beauty for all who lived there. Outside of school and the convent, Sister had countless friends in all walks of life. She had the gift of "instant friendship". Her interest in people was such that she saw, she looked, she listened and a new friendship was planted.

If a student to teacher friendship is the yardstick by which to measure a teacher's true ability, then Sister Marie Rosaire had all the ability of a doctorate combined with the heart of Mother Theresa. Indeed, most of her students will remember her as a friend first and a teacher second. She wanted all her relationships to go beyond that of just teacher to student. She wanted a friend to friend relationship with everyone she met; with her personality, openness and compassion that is most often what she achieved. Of all her achievements, this friend to friend relationship is the most rewarding, the most gratifying and the most enduring."

Sister Pauline Goodall

Sister Pauline Goodall was born in the town of North Attleboro, Massachusetts and was exposed to the works of the Sisters of Mercy through their involvement in her home parish, St. Mary's. Although Sr. Pauline did not attend Catholic schooling, she was able to express her faith constantly. Pauline attended Mass daily since she was seven and was inspired by the Sisters of Mercy to expand her religious experience after high school. Four years after graduating high school in North Attleboro, Pauline Goodall was eager to join the Sisters of Mercy. At Bishop Feehan High School, she taught Religion and English, including a Reading course for struggling students. She was also the first moderator of the Girls Swim Team, and organized the Freshman-Sophomore Social, Father-Daughter Dance, and Christmas Fair.

During that same time, she was able to experience helping others in the community by assisting at Sturdy Memorial Hospital, and becoming a Eucharistic Minister. She also did a lot of arts and crafts such as knitting and was described as "very talented" and someone who was "a beautiful needle worker". Described as a quiet and reserved person, Sr. Pauline was able to take lessons away from her work with the Sisters of Mercy and not only apply them to her teaching career at Bishop Feehan, but in her everyday life. Sr. Pauline was always willing to outwardly show support of the school by attending sporting events throughout her career, until her retirement almost forty years ago. Sister Pauline represents The Sisters of Mercy in terms of faith, life, and the ways in which we should help out in our community. She is remembered fondly in many of the school yearbooks, in the memories of her students, and those she personally affected.

After her vocation at Feehan, Sr. Pauline went on to work as manager of Bay View bookstore and supervised study periods. She retired from education in 2007 and worked on a ministry for a prayer group. She was also a driver for the Sisters at Franklin Court in Riverside, RI.

Sr. Pauline reminisced, "Feehan is a wonderful school. The sad part is that the school opened too late for me to attend! My family: sister, nieces, and nephews had the wonderful privilege of being part of the Feehna Family. Be assured of a special place for everyone at Feehan and I do hope I have the prayers of the Feehan community." Rest

assured Sr. Pauline, you will always be a part of the Feehan Family and will always be in our prayers!

Sister Carmelita Grimes

Sister Carmelita Grimes earned her Master's degree in Education from Catholic University of America and later lived at the Bishop Feehan convent. Business, History and English were the subjects she taught at Feehan. In addition, Sr. Carmelita was also an Adviser in the early years of the Debate Team. She was described as "A strict teacher, who you put anything over on her, but it was this strictness that helped her students excel in their lives. She was very smart, brought experience and wanted to be involved in helping out at Feehan." She later died in 1976.

Sister Mary Faith Harding

Sister Mary Faith Harding was a faculty member and Principal at Feehan for 28 years, making her the longest running principal in Feehan's history. She is known for her love of life, sense of fairness, open mind, loving heart and especially for her impish sense of humor. Joining the Sisters of Mercy in 1950, she grew up being educated by the Sisters making the vocation seem all too natural. Sister Faith came to Feehan in 1964 and taught for 10 years before becoming principal. Subjects that she taught at Feehan were Developmental Reading, English and Religion. In addition, Sister worked in both the Library and Guidance Departments. In 1992, she became the Vice Principal at Bay View School. During her 28 years at Bishop Feehan and her 15 years at Bay View, Sister Faith has been a mentor and administrator to thousands of students. She has been a guiding force through her enthusiasm in women's athletics, her love for education and especially for young people. Sister Mary Faith Harding has been inducted into the Bishop Feehan and Bay View Athletic Hall of Fame's. When asked about her memories of Feehan, she responded that she still remembers the memorable faculty, including Mr. O'Boy, and especially the students. Sister Faith recalls her years here as having the support of a dedicated and committed faculty and the many wonderful students who attended Feehan. She currently resides in Attleboro, MA.

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, "Everyone- students and staff- had such great respect for her. She could walk down the aisle of the auditorium and 1,000 students would wait in perfect silence for her to address them. If she felt someone needed a little guidance, she gave it! But mostly, she believed in us." -Linda Ausiello, French Teacher

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, "I feel I left my students with hope. But number one, a love for the Church and the school. Also, respect for themselves and others. I always said, if you don't respect yourself or others, don't respect it in return." -Sr. Mary Faith Harding

Sister Patricia Harrington

Sister Patricia Harrington was born in 1940. From a young age, she was inspired by the works of the Sisters of Mercy and their ability to make a difference in the world. Sr. Patricia Harrington wanted to follow in the footsteps of this particular group because of their constant efforts to improve the community and change the lives of others. In order

to accomplish this, the Sisters used dedication and joyful spirit, which, luckily, came easily to Sr. Pat. She attended Rhode Island College and soon joined the Sisters of Mercy, taking on this idea of living her life for others. Sr. Pat was also drawn to this order because she wanted to teach, and was sent to achieve this goal at Bishop Feehan High School in 1969. Throughout her teaching career, Sr. Pat taught Math IV, Algebra, Intermediate Math, Creative Math, and multiple Geometry classes. Along with assisting students in the classroom, she also improved student life through her involvement as a Student Council Co-Moderator, and her work as a Math Chairperson for several years. Sr. Pat also offered her support by attending all events put on by the school, such as, homecoming rallies, spirit weeks, float competitions, Christmas assemblies, etc. Sister passed away on May 30, 2015.

From an interview with Sr. Pat in Sister Of Mercy 1961-2005, she said of Bishop Feehan, "The best memories come from the time of support and caring that the kids had for each other. We were family. We celebrated good times and supported in the bad times. (e.g. On the death of a classmate, parents opened their homes and supplied food while all gathered to be with each other and mourn together.) Feehan was home, it was a place to grow, be nurtured and enjoy. I believe the atmosphere of love and caring came from the fact that each student knew that you wanted them to succeed." -Sister Pat Harrington

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, "a woman to whom I have always referred to as the "Maternal Saint," Sister Patricia Harrington, whose Christ-like radiance has touched more students lives than any individual in the history of the school." -Lou Gazzola '66, English Teacher, Guidance Counselor

Sr. Pat's Opening Speech at the 150th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy, "I saw the Sisters "walk the talk" of dedication, of giving of themselves. Mercy sees needs especially among the most vulnerable and seeks to alleviate them." Also, " I wanted to be like the Sisters who taught me. I wanted my life to make a difference. One of my favorite quotes from President Kennedy is, "one man can make a difference... all men must try." That I did and I have been more than blessed." - Sister Pat Harrington

Sister Mary Margaret Heaney

Sister Margaret Heaney taught Fundamentals of Faith, English and was a Library Assistant at Bishop Feehan. She is remembered as a stickler for details and accuracy.

"The thing to me that made Feehan a special place was the relationships. The relationships between both the students and the teachers and the sisters and the teachers was so special and was the real key in the way Feehan was when I was there and I hope it continues in the same way." -Sister Margaret Heaney

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, "Sister Mary Margaret was the most influential teacher I ever had (despite the many brilliant professors who taunt me in college and two

graduate programs). To me, she represented all the goodness and kindness there was in life.” -Lou Gazzola '66, English Teacher, Guidance Counselor

Sister M. Hope Hughes

Sister M. Hope Hughes was a Sister of Mercy who taught English and Theology at Bishop Feehan High School and was also a full-time faculty member of Salve Regina University. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education at Catholic Teachers College, a Master's degree at Providence College, and a Master's in Education at Rhode Island College. Sister Hope also went to earn her C.D.E. and Pastoral Ministry degree. In 2012-2013, she participated in the Mercy Volunteer Corps and donated them as well. Sister celebrated her Jubilarian in 2013. She retired, she lived in Bristol, RI, as of November 2014.

Sister (Mercy) Doris Kelly

Sister (Mercy) Doris Kelly was born in Fall River, MA, and was the daughter of Edward and Amy Kelly. After entering the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Sienna, now the Dominican Sisters of Hope, on Aug. 28, 1944, she was professed on Dec. 8, 1950. On July 9, 1994 Sister Doris transferred to the Sisters of Mercy of Providence. While a member of the Dominican Sisters, Sister Kelly taught in schools throughout the Northeast, and served as principal of the former Dominican Academy in Fall River from 1968 to 1971. She also taught at the former Bishop Gerard High School in Fall River, and at Bishop Feehan High School. After becoming a Sister of Mercy, Sister Doris began her ministry as a Counselor and School Clinical Psychologist at St. Vincent's Home in Fall River, working for the Diocese of Fall River. In 1992 she became the Director of Social Services at Mount St. Rita Health Centre in Cumberland, RI, where she ministered until 1996. At the request of the Guidance Department, Sister Doris would come to Bishop Feehan High School for a day or two a week and serve as a counselor and school psychologist. She helped the students and faculty get through difficult times like illness, death, emotional and family problems, divorce and such, until 1999. From 1999 to 2002, she served as a counselor in the Student Services Department at St. Mary Academy-Bay View until she retired. Sister Doris's funeral was celebrated Dec. 21, 2011 in the Mount St. Rita Chapel.

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, “Growing up in my grammar school, I was surrounded by the Sisters of Mercy. I liked the way they cared for their students and how they had a general interest in seeing them succeed. I also enjoyed how they had a sense of humor and how they really took part in helping children. I could not find this anywhere else. These women were my role models and I wanted to impact other lives as they impacted me.” -Sr. Doris Kelly

Sister Claire Kitteridge

Sister Claire Kitteridge, a Sister of Mercy for 54 years, was born in Boston, MA around 1926-1927 to Owen Kitteridge and Julia McCarthy Kitteridge. Sister Claire entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 8th, 1951, and then professed her vows on March 12, 1954. At various high schools in the Diocese of Providence and Fall River, she taught Physical Education and later in her life was assigned to the position of Assistant Librarian at Bishop Feehan. In 1984 and 1985, she also taught American History. She loved visiting Ireland and went as often as possible. Sister Claire was remembered as “fun loving;

someone who loved to shop and drive, especially to Boston, an area she knew extremely well; and as person who was always there for everyone." On September 1, 2005, in the care of Mount Saint Rita Health Centre, she passed away, leaving behind her brother Owen and her sister Rita.

Sister Ann (Claude) La France

Sister Ann (Claude) La France earned a Master's degree at Fiske University, Tennessee. While at Bishop Feehan, she taught Home Economics and Science. She later left the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Eleanor Little

Sister Eleanor Little is a member of the North East Community of the Sisters of Mercy. While at Bishop Feehan High School, she taught American History, Individual and the Law, and Legal Procedure from 1986 to 1994. She also sang in the Student, Alumni, and Faculty Voices. While she taught at Feehan, it was quoted to be said, "that she teaches from avid reading of the newspaper, from watching TV documentaries and law related stories and her own experience". When Sister Eleanor was a young student, she was very impressed by her teachers, whose love and dedication inspired her to join the Sisters of Mercy and answer God's call to a religious life. Sister Eleanor has also taught at St. Michael School, St. Xavier Academy, Mercy Mount Country Day School, and St. Joseph School in Pawtucket. Lastly, Sister Eleanor Little worked as an archivist for the Sisters of Mercy North East Community, based in New Hampshire.

Sister Mary Frederick Lynch

Sister Mary Frederick Lynch, also known as Sister Mary Francis, graduated from Niagara University, NY. She was the Head of Guidance at Bishop Feehan. As of this writing, she has retired and resides in Riverside RI and continues her mission as an Education Volunteer.

Sister Mary Evangela McAleer

Sister Mary Evangela McAleer was born in Providence to James and Elizabeth McAleer. Sister Evangela was a graduate of St. Xavier Academy, class of 1946. Entering the Sisters of Mercy on September 8, 1946, she professed her vows on August 16, 1952. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the Catholic Teachers College and a Master of Science degree in Music from Boston University. Later, she pursued further graduate work at Wesley College of Music and studied at Salve Regina University. Sister Mary Evangela began teaching at SS. Peter and Paul School in Fall River, and was later assigned to St. Patrick School in Providence and Holy Family High School in New Bedford. From 1964-1994, Sister taught at Bishop Feehan High School as a Music, English, Bookkeeping, Drama and Religion teacher. She also directed the band, the Spring Musicals and was the Glee Club Moderator. After teaching at Feehan for 30 years, Sister went on to serve at Bay View School in Riverside, RI, where she assisted in both development and athletics. Her kindness and warmth made her very popular with all the students. Sister Mary Evangela McAleer passed away on March 29, 2013 in Cumberland, RI.

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, "Sister Faith's loyal sidekick. Whose fierce loyalty and dedication kept the school going throughout the tumultuous 70's and 80's." -Lou Gazzola

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, "I distinctly remember walking in all the parades in the cold weather with the band, and playing at all the football games. If I hadn't been a nun, I would've liked to have been a director. I believe that both the teachers and students at Feehan contribute to its warmth, friendliness and hospitality. I think the main thing that makes Feehan's atmosphere so warm and friendly is the views and acts of the Sisters of Mercy, which hold through today. To me, the respect between the teachers and the students is what makes Feehan so special. All my students were respectful and hardworking in all aspects of their school, in the band, in acting, and in the classroom." - Sr. Evangela McAleer

Sister Elizabeth McAuliffe

"Sr. Betty" or "Little Red" as she was often referred to, was born on October 31, 1952. She was a Chairperson at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. When she worked at Feehan, she taught Chemistry, Biology and Religion, and also coached cheerleading. She was the President of St. Mary Academy- Bay View. Today, Sr. Elizabeth is retired from St. Mary Academy - Bay View and began a new ministry in September of 2013.

She once commented for the Cornerstone alumni magazine, "One of my finest memories was my first pep rally in the gym. I loved the energy and enthusiasm of the students and faculty. That energy and enthusiasm illuminated the classrooms, the faculty room, the cafeteria, the auditorium and the playing fields."

Mary Mercy McAuliffe

Mary Mercy McAuliffe entered religious life in 1944. She was a graduate of Marywood College in Pennsylvania. She became principal at Bishop Feehan High School for 3 years. One of her memorable moments as Principal was leading Sen. Ted Kennedy on a School Tour when he visited Bishop Feehan in 1964. After the tour, she and the Feehan Political Club hosted a press conference for Massachusetts and National Media. The conference was about the ethics and decision to reject the construction of a nuclear facility in Massachusetts. She later became a Provincial for the Sisters of Mercy in the Providence Area. In 1976, she became the Director of Research and Planning and a member of the Board of Trustees at Salve Regina University. She currently resides in Newport, RI, as of November 2014.

Sister Eileen McCabe

Sister Eileen McCabe was born on August 21, 1926. She volunteered at Belizean Missions part time. Her religious name was Benjamina. She helped when needed and brought skills from her previous experiences to Feehan. Sister Eileen was Head Librarian at the school. She passed away on October 28, 1998.

Sister Mary Magdala McCarthy

Sister Mary Magdala McCarthy taught English at Feehan and has since left the Community.

Sister Rita McCoy

Sister Rita McCoy was born in 1926. After entering the Sisters of Mercy in 1943, she professed her vows in 1949. Sister Rita attended St. Xavier Academy in Providence and studied at the Catholic Teachers College; Rhode Island College; and Boston College. Later, she taught at St. Ann School, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Patrick School, St. Mary School, St. Brendan School, Bishop Feehan and was the principal at St. Teresa School from 1971 to 1986. While at Feehan, it is believed that she taught Business. Prior to passing away in 2013 at the age of 87. Sister had resided in Cumberland, RI.

Sister (Angelica) Donna McDonald

Sister Donna McDonald had earned her Master's degree at Siena Heights College in Michigan. While at Feehan she was an English and Drama teacher. It was said that "She taught English like no one could". Sister Donna was very involved in the creation of the College Bowl, many clubs, and Feehan TV. She worked at the school during the early 60's through the late 70's. Later, she departed from the Community.

Sister Judith McKnight

Sister Judith McKnight is currently a Mercy Associate. She left the community in the 1970's.

Sister Rose Angela McLellan

Sister Rose Angela McClellan is the daughter of John H. "Mac" McLellan and Irene J. McLellan. She earned her Master's at the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY. Sister came to Feehan in September of 1965. While at Bishop Feehan, she taught Physiology, Advanced Biology, Physiology, was Moderator for four classes and coached the girls basketball and track teams. For over 20 years, Sister Rose was the Chairperson of the Science Department. She was a Secretary at Mt. Rita Health Centre, which is run by the Sisters of Mercy. In a nutshell, Sister Rose Angela did just about everything and probably most of it at the same time. Currently, she resides in Attleboro, MA, as of December 2014, and serves on the board of directors at Mt. St. Rita Health Center in Cumberland. There she keeps the Sisters of Mercy spirit alive at the facility through her involvement in the Mission Intergration and Development Committees. She resides in Attleboro as of March, 2017 with Sr. Jessica Aguiar.

An Interview with Sister Rose Angela McLellan, she is quoted as saying "I was fortunate to grow up in a family that had strong catholic values and supported my decisions. I think the seed of my vocation was planted when I enrolled as a student at St. Xavier's Academy which was run by the Sisters of Mercy. We lived in Warwick and I had gone all through public grammar schools. All my friends were there and I was not overly excited about going to St. Xavier's; but my mom had graduated from there and she wanted me to go there also. Once I got there I loved it. The school was staffed by the Sisters of Mercy and I was impressed with what I heard and with what I saw them doing. Toward the end of my

Junior year I began to think seriously about becoming a Sister of Mercy. I never regretted my decision.

A special part of the charisms of our Foundress, Catherine McAuley, was a spirit of hospitality. From the first principal, Sister M. Urban and down through the years there has always been a warm and welcoming spirit that has characterized Feehan. We have always referred to ourselves as the "Feehan Family" and I feel that has made Feehan a special place. It always gives me a feeling of pride and joy when I hear or read about the accomplishments of Feehan students. I take pride in the fact that I have played a small part in making Feehan what it is today, an outstanding academic institution at which students are prepared to become responsible citizens and leaders in their respective fields.

Hopefully I have left my students with an appreciation and love of learning. I feel that I contributed to forming a sound Christian, Catholic, ethical basis for future decision making. I feel that I prepared them well for their future academic challenges." -Sister Rose Angela McLellen

In the same article, it reads that, "She enjoyed teaching biology and especially enjoyed when her students would challenge her with questions. It showed they were thinking".

Sister Barbara (Protease) McMichael

Sister Barbara (Protease) McMichael earned her Master's degree from Assumption College in Worcester, MA. While at Feehan, Sister Protease taught French. She is remembered as being very bright, outspoken, and a born leader. Her work with the Head Start Project (education for those with low income) in Providence, RI, earned her recognition and she was on the National Committee for this project. She passed away on February 26, 2002.

Sister Marion McMichael

Sister Marion McMichael was born February 23, 1909. She was a graduate of Providence College. In the late 70's and early 80's, she taught Algebra, Religion and worked in the Library. She was the cousin of Sister Barbara (Protease) McMichael. Sister Marion died January 2, 2004.

Sister Linda Michalczyk

Sister Linda Michalczyk was a Sister of Mercy who taught Science at Bishop Feehan High School. She touched the hearts of many students and her strict nature inspired students to reach and achieve something more.

Sister Leona Misto

Sister Leona Misto is from Rhode Island and was a graduate of St. Xavier's Academy in Providence, RI. For a short time, Sister Leona taught Mathematics, Introductory Analysis and freshman Religion at Bishop Feehan in the early 1970's. She was the Math Chairman, Moderator of the Fu-Fu Club and was the School Coordinator of Student Activities. After leaving Feehan, she became principal at St. Peter and Paul in Fall River, MA. Then, she

became Vice President of Mission Integration at Salve Regina University, where she currently resides, as of November 2014.

Sister Norma Mouseau

Sister Norma Mouseau taught in the Language Department at Bishop Feehan High School. After that, she went on to be a teacher of Foreign Language at St. Raphael's Academy in Pawtucket, RI. She is remembered by other Sisters for sledding on a toboggan down the hill to the track and being an extremely fun individual. Norma Mouseau later left the order.

Sister Emeline Moynaghan

Sr. Mary Moynaghan, formerly known as Sister Mary Emeline was a Sister of Mercy and a retired educator, born in 1917. She entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 8, 1937 and professed her vows on August 16, 1943. After this, she taught at various Catholic elementary schools in New Bedford, Fall River, and the Diocese of Providence for many years. While at Bishop Feehan she taught Business. Sister Emeline retired in 1995 to the Mt. St. Rita Health Centre in Cumberland, RI. On August 3rd, 2007, Sr. Mary Emeline Moynaghan died at the age of 90.

Sister Julene Newton

Sister Julene Newton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Newton, from New Bedford. She was a Sister of Mercy for a year or two, then left the community. During her time at Feehan, Sister Julene taught English.

Sister Mary Consolata Nolan

Sister Mary Consolata Nolan lived in the convent and taught Freshman English and Language at Feehan. She was a graduate of the Catholic Teachers College. In 1985, Sister Consolata passed away.

Sister Sheila (Thomas Aquinas) O'Brien

Sister Sheila (Thomas Aquinas) was of the Class of 1957 at the Our Lady of Mercy High School. At Bishop Feehan, she taught English and worked in the library. After Feehan, she went to Salve Regina University and was on the Board of Trustees from 1990-1991. Now she is with the Refocus School for Mentally Challenged Adults. In 2012, she was honored for 60 years of service to the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Sheila currently resides in Providence RI as of November 2014.

Sister Carlene O'Donnell

Sister Carlene O'Donnell was a Sister of Mercy who assisted with the guidance office for a short time at Bishop Feehan High School.

Sister Reina (Patricia Ann) Oliver

Sister Reina (Patricia Ann) Oliver started teaching at Bishop Feehan in the late 60's. She taught biology and Life Sciences was an excellent and extremely creative teacher. She taught with Sister Rose, and moderated the Future Nurses Club in practicing First Aid and visiting hospitals. She served as a Nurse's Aide. After leaving Bishop Feehan, she worked

all over the U.S. in places like Alaska, Arizona, and Hawaii. She was described as someone who could turn up anywhere. As of November 2016, Sister Reina resides in Cumberland, RI where she runs Spiritual Direction for clients seeking to grow closer to their God.

Sister Jocelyn (Norma) Orms

English Department: Mr. Thibault, Sister Norma Orms

Sister Norma's real name was Jocelyn Orms. At Bishop Feehan, she taught English and Drama. After leaving Feehan, she went to Belize and Honduras to work as a missionary. As of November 2014, she was at St. Rita's in Cumberland, RI and close to 100 years old.

Sister Marie (Mary) Rochelle Postiglioni

Sister Mary Rochelle was one of the "Feehan First" and taught History, French, Religion, and Music at Bishop Feehan.

Sister Marie Rochelle Postiglioni was one of the "Feehan First", (original six Sisters of Mercy at Feehan), and who became one of the 1st Sisters to receive a 50th Anniversary Medallion. She taught several subjects during her time at Bishop Feehan High School, including Music, English, History, and French. Also, Sister led the Bishop Feehan High School Band, which has gone on to be nationally recognized in recent years. Sister's musical contributions to the school live in perpetuity. In 1963, she composed Feehan's Athletic Fight Song, "Sing out a chorus every voice ring strong, Feehan's marching long," and authored the school's Alma Mater in 1965, "Raise aloft green banners to the sky..." She also helped develop the Theater program at Feehan with Sister Mary Kateri. Sister Mary Rochelle currently resides in St. Louis Missouri, as of November 2014.

Sister Rita Pratt

Sister Rita Pratt was at Feehan for only a short time. She has since left the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Marie Therese Pridham

Sister Marie Therese Pridham was born Ellen Pridham in Newfoundland on October 30, 1909. Sister Marie Therese entered the Sisters of Mercy on June 25, 1926 in Fall River, Massachusetts and professed her vows on December 27, 1928. She ministered in the Diocese of Fall River for 61 years, teaching at St. Patrick School in Fall River, MA for many years. From 1978 to 1988, Sister Marie Therese was a part-time librarian at Bishop Feehan High School and took very good care of all the Audio Visual Equipment as well. Sister was known to be like Saint Anthony for her ability to find anything. In 1989, she retired to Our Lady of Mercy Convent in Attleboro. On October 10, 2007, Sister Marie Therese died at Mt. St. Rita Health Centre, Cumberland, RI. She was 97 years old at the time of her death.

Sister Virginia Quinlan

Sister Virginia Quinlan was born in 1903 and earned a Master's degree in Education from Catholic University of America. At Bishop Feehan, Sister taught Math, was the Head of the Department and was referred to in the 1968 yearbook as, "Experienced and beloved Math

Wizard” and “Feehan’s favorite Math teacher”. She even had a poster of Charles Schulz’s Peanuts with Linus says, “Happiness is Knowing the Answers”

“If there is an Algebra book that’s been printed, I have it.” -Sister Virginia Quinlan

In addition, Sister was probably loved even more for running the 5 & 10 Candy Store at Feehan and it was said, “especially by the boys” for they would help her carry all the goodies!

She later died on April 23, 1986

Sister Julian Riley

Sister Julian Riley’s real name was Barbara. Prior to teaching Business classes at Feehan, she had earned her Bachelor’s degree in Business Education from Bryant College in Providence, RI, a Master’s degree in Business Education from Catholic University in Washington, DC, and a Master’s in Religious Studies from Boston College in Boston, MA. She later became a Provincial of her Community. Sister Barbara was a Jubilarian, because she had 25 or more years of religious service. She resides in East Providence, RI as of November 2014.

Sister Marialyn Riley

Marialyn Riley, who goes by the name, Sister Mary, taught English and Drama at Feehan and inspired students to strive for their bests. She amused the students with her famous quote “Just a Minute Sally”. Sister Mary currently resides in the glorious town of Newport, Rhode Island and is a senior lecturer at Salve Regina University as of November 2014.

Sister Rose Marie Rocha

Sister Rocha became acquainted with the Sisters of Mercy at Mount St. Mary Academy in Fall River. These Sisters were prayerful, friendly, intelligent and had to have a sense of humor to put up with the students occasional shenanigans. At the end of her schooling, she was so impressed by these women that she knew she wanted to become one of them. She entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 8, 1955 with several of her classmates. She is now celebrating 60 years with the Sisters of Mercy. During her time at Feehan, she most enjoyed her interactions with the students, faculty, planning liturgies, retreats for students and the extracurricular activities. She even sang in the adult chorus.

Sister was referred to as a “jokester”. Currently, Sister resides in Pawtucket, RI, is a Pastoral Team Member and Volunteer in Riverside, RI and is on the Advisory Board at the New Dawn Center in Cumberland, RI.

From Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, “The students were always most respectful, eager to learn (some more than others), extremely generous to each other and especially those in need outside the Feehan Family. No matter where I meet them today, it is always good to see their faces and catch up with what’s happening in their lives. I hope that I gave them a love of learning, self respect and a love for God and God’s people, especially the most needy among us.” -Sister Rose Marie Rocha

Marie Marguerite Roleau

Marie Marguerite Roleau received her Master's in Business Administration from Catholic University of America. While at Bishop Feehan, she taught Business and French. Sister was also a Friend of Mercy donor. Post Vatican II, Sister Marguerite left the order for a different Sisters of Mercy community in Kentucky. This group of Sisters were more conservative, even after Vatican II.

Sister Margaret Salisbury

Sister Margaret Salisbury is a Sister of Mercy who taught Math I and freshman Algebra at Bishop Feehan High School. She is currently in Belize doing missionary work.

Sister M. Antonius (Gloria Santienello)

Sister Gloria Esther Santaniello was born on April 13, 1933 in Providence, RI and was the daughter of Antonio and Maria Santaniello. She entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 8, 1951 and professed her final vows on August 16, 1957 as Sister M. Antonius. Sister Gloria was a graduate of St. Xavier Academy. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from Catholic Teachers College in Providence, RI and attended graduate study in religious education at St. Michael College in Vermont. Sister Gloria taught at many of schools in the Diocese of Providence. Her education ministry included Tyler School, St. Paul, and Holy Ghost in Providence; St. Matthew, St. Mary, and Cranston-Johnston Regional School in Cranston; Our Lady of Mercy in East Greenwich, St. Charles in Woonsocket, St. Brendan in Riverside, St. Leo in Pawtucket. She also taught at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro. In her later years, Sister Gloria served as Parish Minister at St. Agnes Parish, Providence. Sr. Gloria passed away on May 26, 2013 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence.

Sister Kathleen Schmidt

Sister Kathleen Schmidt taught in the Special Education department in modern Doran Arts Center while at Bishop Feehan. In later years, Sister lived with Sister Zita Foley. She passed in May 1985.

Sister Mary Robertine Severens

Sister Mary Robertine Severens was born in 1918. She was a Sister of Mercy from Worcester and taught Religion "her way", "knee to the floor" at Feehan. In addition, Sister taught eighth grade at Sacred Heart School. She passed away in New York on August 31, 2008 at the age of 87.

Sister Miriam Joseph Sharpe

Sister Miriam Joseph Sharpe taught Biology at Bishop Feehan High School and later became a Provincial for the Providence Council. She left the Community.

Sister Othilda (Mary) Smith

Sister Othilda Smith's real name was Mary. She earned her Master's in Business from Catholic University. Referred to as a very gentle lady, sister taught Business, Theology, Sociology, and foreign language at Feehan. Over the summer of 1968, Sr. Othilda and Sr.

Barbara McMichael led a Class Trip to the Universidad de Salamanca for two weeks, and a week tour of North Africa. She has since passed away.

Sister Incarnata (Margaret) Sorrenson

Sister Incarnata Sorrenson taught Science, Physics and was Head of the Science Department at Feehan. In addition, she was also Moderator of the Science and Photography Clubs. She was referred to as “Brilliant”. She later left the community.

Sister Therese Sparrow

Sister Therese Sparrow was born on August 24, 1927 and graduated from Holy Family High School in New Bedford (class of 1945). She entered the convent on September 8, 1945 and professed her perpetual vows on August 16, 1951. She really loved children and babysat for friends. She began teaching in 1948 at St. Peter and St. Paul School in Fall River; moved to St. Mary’s in North Attleboro; then to St. Patrick’s in Fall River; and then again to St. Mary’s and the Holy Family Elementary Schools. Sister then directed the Religious Education program that serviced over 1,000 youth at St. Julie Billiard in North Dartmouth, MA. While at Bishop Feehan, Sister taught English. She was referred to as a wonderful person and teacher. Even after she fell down the stairs and injured her neck, she kept her spirits high. She played basketball, and because she was taller than six feet, she was lovingly nicknamed “Big Bird”. In addition to all that, Sister frequently volunteered as Sacred Heart Home in New Bedford. She passed away on August 27, 2012 at the age of 85.

Sister Madeline Strong

Sister Madeline Strong was born on September 29, 1907 in Newfoundland or an island just off of. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1925. After retiring from her mission in 1986, she came to Feehan as a volunteer in the Library. Sister Mary Faith Harding remembers her as “an artistic person.” Sister Madeline passed away on April 16, 1994.

Sister Sheila Sullivan

Sister Sheila Sullivan received her Master’s from Assumption College in Worcester, MA. During 1963, she started teaching at Feehan and was known as “a wonderful lady”. In addition to being the French Department Chair, she also taught French, English and Religion. To make things interesting, Sister was known for using props in her classes. While at Feehan, she also took on the role of Moderator for the Varsity Cheerleaders. Teaching public school children religion was another way she chose to carry out her mission. Sister left Feehan in 1965 and later died in 1977.

Sister Carolanne Theroux

Sister Carolanne Theroux taught Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Ecology in the Science Department at Feehan. She was also the moderator of National Honor Society, moderator of Father/Daughter Dance and National Honor Society. Sr. Carolanne helped out at graduation practices and chaperoned many Feehan events, such as the Prom. Sister eventually became the Secretary to the Principal and was known for “being meticulous, very reliable and on time”. In 1990, she went on to work as an administrative secretary for the Society of Propagation of the Faith for the Diocese of Providence until 2011. Sr.

Carolanne is now retired and volunteers at the Mt. St. Rita Health Care Center in Cumberland as of March, 2017.

In Sisters of Mercy 1961-2005, Kate Brandley '83 referred to Sr. Carolanne as her "first experience with being challenged to be the best I could be in all areas of my life. She challenged me to excellence. When I became a teacher, she encouraged me and again told me I was more than capable. Her smile, warmth, hearty laugh and quick wit were some of the highlights of my early years of teaching. I will always be grateful for her challenge and love for me and my classmates." Sr. remembers Feehan as, "THE PLACE: a wonderful and rewarding experience. Feehan has a special kind of Spirit, found only in its faculty and students."

Sister Ricarda Wobby

Sister Ricarda Wobby was involved in Feehan's Development Offices, (now know as the Advancement offices), by leading the school's fundraising efforts. In addition, she taught Theology, ran the Candy Store was a Notary Republic. It was said, "that if you had a story, she had a better one). Before coming to Feehan she worked at Saint Mary's Sacred Heart in North Attleboro. She later died on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1998 in the front row of the Vatican, where she was attending Mass. Sister Ricarda was helped by the Pope's doctor to the hospital in Rome.

Fun fact: she is the aunt of car dealer Al Cerrone in South Attleboro.

Sister Judith (Virginia Francis) Ward

Sister Judith Ward was born in October 29, 1922 in Providence, RI to John J. and Florence (Maxon) Ward. She attended St. Xavier Academy and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Education. Following that she taught primary grades. On September 8, 1941 she entered the Sisters of Mercy and took her final vows on August 16, 1967. While at Feehan, she taught English and Drama. Sister is remembered as being "a wonderful, wonderful, trustworthy lady, who was also very, very gullible". She later died in September 2010. She had been residing in Cumberland RI.

Sister Eileen Wilson

Sister Eileen Wilson was born November 12, 1921 in Lowell, MA to Patrick and Margaret Wilson. She graduated from Bryant College with a Business degree. At Feehan, she taught bookkeeping, typing, and data possessing. In addition, she took on the role of Moderator for the "Flashback", Feehan's yearbook. She later left the community and passed away on October 3, 2014 at the age of 92.

