

Jubilee!



Sister Philomene Reiland, left, provides piano accompaniment as the 2013 jubilarians are honored June 9. They are, from left, Sister Therese Blecha, Sister Loretta Clare Flax, Sister Janice Koelzer, Sister Carolyn Juenemann, Sister Barbara Bader, Sister Esther Pineda, Sister Dorothy Marquez and Sister Dorothy Hoover. At right, a photo of Sister Janira Lindoso Diniz also has a place of honor on the auditorium stage.

Celebrating 525 years of love & service

In a celebration that featured storytelling, a few secrets and much laughter, 10 Sisters of St. Joseph were honored Sunday, June 9, for their combined 525 years of service to God and the congregation.

The annual "Jubilee Day" recognizes sisters who are marking noteworthy anniversaries of the date they were received as novices into the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia.

The special day came at the end of the congregation's annual June Assembly, so most of the members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia were able to be present.

Eight of the congregation's jubilarians were able to attend the daylong celebration, which began with a special Mass in their honor. Each woman had invited family and friends to join her for dinner at the Motherhouse before an afternoon program that shined a spotlight on each sister.

Another sister had been selected to give a biography — many of which included anecdotes and gentle jibes — for each jubilarian being honored.

The jubilarians in attendance for the program June 9

were Sisters Barbara Bader, Dorothy Hoover, Janice Koelzer and Therese Blecha, all of Concordia; Loretta Clare Flax of Hays, Kan.; and Carolyn Juenemann, Esther Pineda and Dorothy Marquez, all of Salina.

Two other jubilarians were honored in separate celebrations later.

Sister Francis Alma Royer was honored for her 70th jubilee during a small ceremony at Mount Joseph Senior Village June 16, while Sister Janira Lindoso Diniz celebrated her 40th jubilee in Teresina, Brazil, at the end of June.

For more photos from Jubilee Day, go to www.csjkansas.org/sisters-honor/



Sister Loretta Clare Flax leads the procession of jubilarians into Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel at the Motherhouse Sunday morning, June 9.



Sister Loretta Jasper offers a tribute to Sister Janira Lindoso Diniz, a Brazilian sister represented on the stage in the Motherhouse auditorium by a large oval photo.



Sister Judy Stephens, standing, delivers a bag filled with cards and small gifts to jubilarian Sister Carolyn Juenemann during the program Sunday afternoon, June 9.



Sister Esther Pineda, celebrating her 40th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph, offers a reflection during the Mass Sunday, June 9, on making the most of what is left, based on a story about famed violinist Itzhak Perlman.

Our 2013 Jubilarians



70 YEARS
Sister Francis Alma Royer ▲
◀ Sister Barbara Bader



◀ 60 YEARS
Sister Loretta Clare Flax (left)
Sister Dorothy Hoover (center)
Sister Janice Koelzer (right)



50 YEARS ▶
Sister Therese Blecha (left)
Sister Carolyn Juenemann (right)



40 YEARS
Sister Janira
Lindoso Diniz ▲
◀ Sister Esther Pineda



◀ 25 YEARS
Sister Dorothy
Marquez