

## ***Platinum Jubilarian Celebrating 75 Years (1935-2010)***

### ***Sister M. Felicitas Magon, OSF***

Sister M. Felicitas Magon, daughter of Andrew and Antonia Magon, entered the Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania, OH from St. Cunneghunda Parish in Detroit, MI, on April 17, 1932. She made her First Profession of Vows on August 16, 1935. Her professional background includes B.A. and B.S.E. degrees from Mary Manse College in Toledo, OH as well as graduate courses in Spanish. She taught for 53 years in elementary schools in Wells and Minneapolis, MN; Toledo and Crestline, OH; Hamtramck, Garden City and Wyandotte, MI. For several summers Sister also visited migrant families in Bowling Green, OH where she prepared children for the sacraments. She currently visits the residents at the Franciscan Care Center in Sylvania and has been visiting the elderly and homebound for over 22 years.



In a recent interview, Sister Felicitas recalled wanting to be a Sister since the fifth grade. She met the Sylvania Franciscans when her family moved to Detroit and joined St. Cunneghunda Parish. Her mother and her cousins helped her decide to join the Sisters and she did so when she was 17 years old. She wanted to be a nurse and she loved children so she became an elementary school teacher for most of her 75 years in religious life.

Those who know her call Sister Felicitas “Sister Happy” because that is what her name means and that is pretty much who she is. She brings a smile and a spirit of joy to all whom she meets. She can be seen walking the campus of the Sylvania Franciscans where she lives, praying the rosary as she visits the many shrines and chapels and prays for all those who have ask to be remembered in her prayers. She was nominated for the 2010 Jefferson Award ( a national recognition system honoring volunteers) and was amazed that anyone would do that for her. She sees nothing special about her continuing to care for others because her philosophy of life has been, “Sharing is an art, it is the language of love.” It is truly amazing that Sister Felicitas has been sharing her loving and happy self with so many people for 75 years as a Sylvania Franciscan.

