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Sister Margie Zureick is known in Elkhorn City, among other places across the nation, for her religious work and service to the area.

Retired outreach coordinator in Appalachia Kentucky celebrates 60th anniversary of religious life

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DAYTON, Ohio (10 August 2016) – A long-time pastoral associate in the mountains of Kentucky is celebrating her 60th jubilee as a Sister of the Precious Blood.

Sister Margie Zureick is among six sisters

marking milestone anniversaries of entrance into the religious community. All of the sisters were recognized at a Mass and banquet July 3 at Salem Heights, the community's central house in Dayton.

Sister Margie spent 32 years ministering to the poor as pastoral associate and outreach coordinator in eastern Kentucky during five separate assignments. While serving in Campton, Ky., she helped establish the only Catholic parish in Wolfe County and later opened a laundromat in Elkhorn City, Ky. near the Virginia border to provide a needed service and local jobs. She also served in McKee, Berea and Beattyville.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Sister Margie grew up in then-Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and attended the parish school. She graduated from then-Regina High School in Norwood, Ohio, and entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood in January 1956.

Sister began her ministry as an elementary school teacher for 13 years in Ohio, California and North Dakota. She also served as the Congregation's novice director and was a counselor at Mercy Manor in Dayton. She retired to Salem Heights in Dayton in 2015.

"I appreciate the overwhelming love, support and care that I have received from Sisters in community, the staff at Salem Heights and friends," she said. "Jubilee thanks to each and every one."