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Sisters of the Precious Blood to honor three nuns

The Sisters of the Precious Blood are honoring three of their own who are celebrating 60 years of religious life.

Sisters Noreen Jutte, Patricia Will and Marita Beumer were honored along with 13 other Sisters of the Precious Blood celebrating milestones at a Mass and banquet June 24 at Salem Heights, the community's central house in Dayton.

The three nuns were gradeschool classmates at St. Peter School and went onto attend Precious Blood High School, both in the Dayton area. The ladies entered the convent together, made their vows together and then went their separate ways to minister across the country and abroad. They were reunited for the first time to celebrate their anniversaries.

Jutte and Will have known each other since the first-grade in Oakland School. They met Sister Beumer in the seventh-grade at St. Peter. All three were parishioners at St. Peter church.



Beumer



Jutte



Will

of ministry as a teacher and organist in California, Miamisburg and Botkins. She also worked at the retreat house in Maria Stein for 10 years before beginning parish ministry in Ohio and Michigan.

She came to Salem Heights to work in initial formation of new members and liturgy. She is now the liturgy coordinator at the central house where she oversees liturgical celebrations and is assistant organist. She lives in Dayton and enjoys traveling, retreats, workshops, musical performances and reading.

"Being involved in various assignments over the years has been a time of challenge and blessing," Will said. "They have been ways of fine-tuning me to be what God is calling me to be."

Beumer began her ministry as an elementary teacher in Fort Wayne, Ind., Burkettsville and Russia before ministering in Chile for 12 years. She then worked 27 years in Arizona and California, including 12 years as a pastoral coordinator in San Bernardino. She served in leadership for the Sisters of the Precious Blood from 2007-2011.

Beumer volunteers at the Catholic Hispanic Ministry Center in Dayton and lives in the Sisters of the Precious Blood discernment house in Dayton.

"What a gift to have lived so many seasons in such varied ways in responding to God's call as a living presence for 60 years as a Sister of the Precious Blood," she said. "For all the seasons that I have been called to live and will be called to respond, I am deeply grateful to God, the congregation, my family and the people with whom I ministered for the loving support that is always there so that I am 'inflamed with Jesus' redeeming love.'"

Dayton since 1996. She lives in Salem Heights where she enjoys playing cards on Friday nights, crafts, working with flowers and decorating for Christmas.

"If I had to it all over again, I would follow the call just as I have done," she said. "The

Jutte became a teacher and

spent 39 years teaching primary

grades at schools in Ohio. She

has been the archivist for the

Sisters of the Precious Blood in

I have done," she said. "The privilege of my major ministries of having taught the primary grades and as the C.P.S. archivist are special joys."

Will spent the first 13 years