

Sister Katie Eiffe, CSJ, Expresses Gratitude



On November 1, I will begin a new ministry as assistant coordinator of the Carondelet Hospitality Center at St. Joseph Provincial House in Latham. It is a bittersweet time for me. I look forward to ministering with and for my community, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. This new ministry will enable me to continue to invite others to ongoing, lifelong formation as disciples of Jesus. At the same time, it is very difficult for me to leave the Diocese of Syracuse and the Office of Faith Formation. My colleagues in the Chancery and especially my colleagues in the catechetical community and in the Office of Faith Formation have become valued partners in ministry and treasured friends. When one shares faith on a daily basis with others, friendships develop quickly and deepen daily, and it is difficult to even think about saying *goodbye*.

I am so grateful to God for calling me to serve the people of God in the Church of Syracuse for so many years. I am grateful to Gerrie Kaluzny who first hired me to be a member of the staff of the Office of Faith Formation in 1989. I am grateful to Bishop Moynihan who appointed me director in 2001. I am grateful to Bishop Cunningham who has been unfailingly supportive of catechetical ministry in his first year as bishop. I am grateful to Bishop Costello who has always been and continues to be a steadfast supporter of the Office of Faith Formation and a friend to me. (And I look forward to experiencing Bishop Costello's keynote address at the Journey of Faith Conference in September!) I am profoundly grateful to and for the members of the staff of the Office of Faith Formation through all these years. Your discipleship has inspired me, and your friendship has enriched me.

Former UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's famous quote captures what I feel at this moment: *For all that has been, THANKS; for all that is yet to be, YES! Amen.*