

## Sr. Joanne Fedewa's ENCORE MINISTRY



After sixty years as a Sister - teacher, principal, director of novices, community leadership, and then years as a parish coordinator in Flint, Michigan, Sister Joanne Fedewa "retired." Now she is living and working at Christ the King Church and in the retirement community in which she lives. Here is one story from her encore ministry:

Jessie, a 92-year old resident in Joanne's building, came to Sister Joanne and asked her to help her get ready to be baptized. After years of observing Catholic life in her family and now seeing her two granddaughters and their husbands happy in their Catholic faith, she wanted to become a Catholic too. She said "I know about Jesus. I love Him, but I don't think I am ready to be baptized. Will you help me get ready?" Joanne was delighted and worked with Jessie every week.

In October, 2014, Jessie was ready to be baptized. She wanted to receive the sacrament "right here" - in the residence, where Mass is celebrated every month. She was baptized and made her First Communion and was confirmed as well.

Jessie received a rosary as a baptismal gift and now Sister Joanne is teaching her how to pray it. Sister Joanne continues with encore ministries and brings NEW LIFE as a Sister of the Living Word wherever she goes.