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## School Sister of St. Francis celebrates 70 years as educator

Thursday, August 30, 2007

Sister Sophia Duris (Vincentella) recently celebrated 70 years as a School Sister of St. Francis.

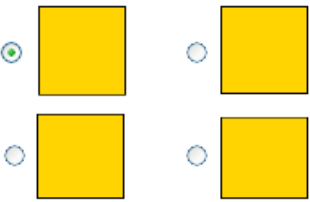
She was born in Ford City to Adam and Pauline Duris. One of nine siblings, she has three brothers, Andrew, Joseph, and Edward and four sisters, Ann, Agnes, Jackie, and Jenny. One sister, Mary is deceased.

She received a bachelor's degree from Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1941, a master's degree from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., in 1963, and a master's degree from the University of Detroit, in 1975.

Sister has lived her religious ministry in education. In the Diocese of Springfield, she taught at Holy Trinity School in Mount Olive, 1941-1948. In the Diocese of Madison, she taught at St. Charles School in Cassville, 1948-1950. In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, she taught at Piux XI High School in Milwaukee 1950-1961. In the Diocese of Rockford, she continued teaching, now at Boylan Catholic High School in Rockford 1961-1970. In the Diocese of Joliet she taught at St. Matthew School in Glendale Heights 1970-1974 and again in 1990-1992 and served as director of religious education at five parishes: St. Peter Parish in Clifton, St. Joseph Parish in Cabery, Sacred Heart Parish in Goodrich, St. James Parish in Irwin, and St. Margaret Mary Parish in Herscher 1974-1990.

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Returning to the Diocese of Rockford, she taught at St. John the Baptist School in Johnsbury 1992-1995 and taught and served as aide at Montini Catholic Middle School in McHenry 1995-2004.

Sister Sophia lives in Campbellsport, Wis.

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