

Jubilees

Celebrants have ties to archdiocese

50 years

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Sister Joann (Mary Carlos) Gehling, FSPA, a LaCrosse Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, celebrated her golden jubilee on June 12 in LaCrosse.



**Sr. Joann
Gehling**

She was a teacher in Wisconsin, Idaho, Iowa and Oklahoma. From 1975-1978 she served her community as a council member, secretary and formation director. She served as provincial of the Central Province, based in **Hiawatha**, 1978-1985.

She attended Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago, concentrating on biblical studies, and then became the director of the Israel Study Programs at CTU.

She earned a doctorate of ministry at Chicago Theological Seminary and certification as a pastoral counselor.

She moved back to **Hiawatha** in 1994, helping to establish **Prairiewoods Spirituality Center** where she continues to minister as an adjunct staff member, spiritual director and pastoral counselor.