

Sister M. John Bosco Crivello, SHF

April 29, 1941 -- November 9, 2007

Entered the Sisters of the Holy Family January 5, 1960

Final Profession of Vows August 5, 1964

Sister M. John Bosco Crivello, SHF, died at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Holy Family in Fremont on Friday, November 9, 2007, after a long illness.

Sister John Bosco, or “JB” as she was known to some of the sisters, was born Geraldine Crivello in San Francisco on April 29, 1941. She was attracted to the Holy Family community by the Sisters she knew when she was in high school. She was a student first, and later a helper, a teacher and a member of the Catholic Girls Conference. She entered the Sisters of the Holy Family on January 5, 1960 and made her final profession on August 5, 1964.

Moving from Children to Adults

Sister John Bosco worked for many years in Religious Education, beginning with youth and children, serving in parishes in San Francisco, Modesto, Santa Cruz, Pleasant Hill, Fremont, Milpitas, Reedley, Castro Valley, San Leandro, Crockett and Arroyo Grande, as well as in the Diocese of Reno. She also spent some early summers in Day Homes operated by the Holy Family Sisters in San Francisco.

Early in her ministry years, she realized the importance of adult faith formation, and in her later assignments, she focused on RCIA and adult education. Sister John Bosco was excited about the process of adult conversion, and sought ministry positions where she could be an instrument of that conversion.

“You Opened My Eyes”

In a letter received just before her death, a woman who taught CCD with her in Reno wrote:

“You opened my eyes to a more kind and loving Jesus through your classes for the CCD teachers. I began to grow in the

understanding of my faith. This seed that you planted continues to grow today. Thank you.”

Words like these would bring joy to Sister John Bosco’s heart, as she longed more than anything to be an instrument of conversion in the lives of those she touched.

Her final illness forced her to leave her ministry at St. Patrick’s Parish in Arroyo Grande early in 2006; she had been pastoral associate there since 2004.

-- *Sr. Carol J. Crater*