

## RIVIER REMEMBERS SISTER JOAN JOYAL, PM

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*In Memoriam*



The Rivier University community mourns the loss of Sister Joan Joyal, pm, who passed away on August 25, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Sister Joan made her religious profession in August 1969. She earned her bachelor's degree in French and master's degree in Education at Rivier. She worked at Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson for 19 years, first as a French teacher and later as a guidance director. During this time, she was active in the St. Matthew Adult Ecumenical Sacred Dance Choir; she took joy in combining the religious and the arts in inspiring ways.

Sister Joan served on the Rivier Board of Trustees as well as on the Board of Trustees at Anne-Marie House, an organization that supports the needs of families experiencing homelessness as they work to achieve self-sufficiency. She was a strong fundraiser for Anne-Marie House and other local charities. During her tenure at the University, she served as director of academic advising, associate dean, and associate registrar.

The University recognizes Sister Joan's service to students, the Rivier University and Sisters of the Presentation of Mary communities, and those in need in the local community with appreciation and admiration. She is fondly remembered by all whose lives she touched. ■