

RIVIER REMEMBERS SISTER THERESA LAWRENCE, PM

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In Memoriam



Sister Theresa Lawrence, pm passed away peacefully on September 29, 2022, in Manchester, New Hampshire. A longstanding and devoted member of the Rivier community, her career in education spanned 50 years, 28 of which were spent teaching at Rivier.

Sister Theresa chaired Rivier's Business Department from 1972-1992. Under her direction, Business was the largest academic program and among the first to incorporate technology into the curriculum. She served on a variety of committees including Rivier's Spiritual Mission Committee, Campus Ministry, Dean's Counsel, and the Academic Affairs Advisory Board.

She was named faculty emerita in 1997 and remained active in University life during her retirement. She continued her faithful service as a technical assistant at Regina Library and as the sacristan at Resurrection Chapel.

In addition to her contributions to Rivier, Sister Theresa engaged fully with the broader community including the Diocese of Manchester Diocesan School Board, the National Catholic Business Education Association, and the National and New Hampshire Business Education Associations. Most noteworthy is Sister Theresa's sponsorship of the "Celebrate in The Holy Spirit" Prayer Group that has met for fifty years on Rivier's campus.

In 2008, Sister Theresa received the Sister Madeleine of Jesus Award, the Alumni Association's highest honor, in recognition of her exceptional dedication and service. As noted in her award, Sister Theresa's life embodied her vocation, "*Sr. Theresa lives and breathes the word of God—she spreads her faith and lives Rivier's mission at every opportunity.*" She is remembered fondly and with gratitude for her love, leadership, and many contributions to the Rivier community. ■