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I've known Sisters of Charity of New Jersey since I was very young. Starting at St. Francis of Assisi parochial school in 1985 where I met Sr. Mary Ann Boyle, SC, Sr. Catherine Higgins, SC, Sr. Rosemary, SC and Sr. Virginia, SC. They were stern, but very kind, and loving. It was obvious that they cared about me and the rest of their students. I still hear their voices in my head and remember their kindness. In high school at Seton Hall Prep, Sr. Regina Cordis Conboy, SC was a member of the faculty. While she never taught me, I remember her well because of the high esteem, regard and respect that the students and faculty had for her. I do remember seeing her at many extracurricular events cheering on and supporting her students. I was a faculty member at Marylawn of the Oranges Academy from 2001-2005 and loved the Sisters who became my colleagues. Sr. Teresa Bruno, SC, Sr. Beverly Ornes, SC, Sr. Diane Collesano, SC, Sr. Mary Walter, SC, Sr. Regina Coll, SC, Sr. Joan Digan, SC, Sr. Kathy Quigley, SC, Sr. Meg McCann, SC, Sr. Maureen Travers, SC, Sr. Katherine Marita, SC. All were hardworking dedicated teachers. Again, their care for their students and their families and for me personally was very evident. I will always be grateful that these sisters were a part of my life and helped make me a better teacher, school administrator, priest, husband and father. They are a gift and a blessing.

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I received my education from the Mercies, Josephites, and Franciscan Sisters of Saint Joseph and finally met the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in 1991, at which point I went to work for them as the Director of Nursing at St. Anne Villa. Working alongside inspirational, exceptional women such as Sr. Rosanne Caiazzo, SC, Sr. Francis Carmela, SC and Sr. Anita Constance, SC, just to name a few; I quickly grew to love all the Sister residents. They were an incredible group of women who adopted me into their lives (even though I had not a drop of Irish blood much to their dismay). The twelve years I worked with them were some of the best years of my nursing career. I will always cherish that time in my life. These women have enriched my life in so many ways! My friendship with some of these women continues.

Congratulations on this 165th Anniversary, good and faithful servants accurately describe their mission!