

## Sister Gloria Tamayo, MM – 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee



**Sister Gloria Tamayo, M.M.** from Cavite, Philippines is celebrating her 50th Jubilee this year. Born in Kawit, Cavite, Philippines, Sister Gloria Tamayo grew up in the mountains of Baguio City, where she graduated from St. Louis University. She taught at La Salette School in Santiago, Isabella before joining Maryknoll in 1968.

Assigned to Hawaii in 1969, she spent more than two decades in mission in the Pacific. As a Montessori teacher, she was head teacher for kindergarten while also teaching other grade levels. After this ministry she was called to serve as chaplain for the Filipino Catholic Community and worked as assistant to the Director of Filipino Ministries in Honolulu. She later served as a pastoral associate at St. Anthony parish in Puuhale, Honolulu, Hawaii. She was a member of the Central Pacific Regional Governing Board.

She worked in six parishes on the windward side of Oahu in basic ecclesial communities among the Filipino people, responsible for the spiritual formation of lay leaders. Her pastoral work varied depending on the needs of the communities. She also served on the Central Pacific admissions team, as well as the Honolulu Vocation promotion team “Called by Name” program. She was a member of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Diocese of Honolulu.

In the 80’s, she served on the congregational admissions team in Chicago, assisting women as they discerned their vocation. “My hope is that young people will be true to their own questions, by being true to themselves,” she said. Later she also served with the Promotion Development Team in the Midwest.

Sister Gloria also spent a short time in Bolivia, taking advantage of the opportunity to study basic Spanish. She enjoyed her connections with the Language Institute and the Filipino community and spent some time with the rural poor in Santa Cruz.

In 2002, she became a member of her community’s Eastern U.S. Region and once again did pastoral work in Chicago. She was the vice-principal at St. Thomas School while also teaching pre-K. She then moved to the South side of Chicago where she was a pre-kindergarten teacher at St. John de la Salle School.

Sister Gloria currently serves as vocation minister as part of a team for the Maryknoll Sisters, and is an active member of CAVA.