



## Mary Pat Rosholt, CSJ

**T**he huckleberry is Idaho's state fruit, and it is understandable why her native daughter, Sister Pat Rosholt spent many happy summers picking them without contending with bears who also love the juicy morsels.

Born in Lewiston, Idaho, Pat is a forest and nature lover whose expertise, paradoxically, is in the financial, administrative and teaching worlds. For many, she fits the picture of a traditional modern nun; she wears a short veil and simple skirt and blouse outfits, all of which is a personal choice as a "reminder of the vows I took when I became a CSJ."

She comes from a true blue CSJ tradition in that she started with the sisters in first grade at Lewiston's St Stanislaus School, having "four teachers in eight years since we had two grades in each classroom." After graduating from the eighth grade, she worked at St Joseph's Hospital under the administration of Sister Mary

Esther McCann. "I'm delighted we celebrated our jubilees together—Sister's 80<sup>th</sup> and my 50<sup>th</sup>."

For many, she is still Sister Mary Allen, her religious name for many years, until it became expedient for her to return to her Baptismal name, Mary Patricia, much to the joy of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Social Security and Medicare.

Recognized for excellence as noted in newspaper articles and professional journals, she warranted a spot in the 1994 International Who's Who of Professionals. The business article said she "specialized in charitable works of teaching and healthcare in her capacity, and was responsible for all financial activities for the organization." She has served as Provincial Treasurer, Budget Director and teacher, Vice Principal and Principal at various schools including St Joseph's School.

A listing of her associations and accomplishments show her doing all that a woman is capable of doing plus more: member of the Boards of Directors for Carondelet Health System, Daniel Freeman Hospitals, St Joseph Regional Medical Center, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Academy of Our Lady of Peace, St Mary's Academy, and Carondelet High

School; member of the board and/or secretary and treasurer of Mount St Mary's College, St Joseph's Center, and secretary/treasurer of Saint Joseph Center Caregivers and past board member of the National Association of Treasurers of Religious Institutes.

Pat's mother once mistook her multi-talented and adaptable daughter as non convent material because Pat had been moved periodically from her missions, from teaching, administration, choir, altar and traffic boys—not knowing this was sign of her ability to fit a hard-to-fill niche. Deeming otherwise, the CSJ leadership called her to serve almost 27 years at CC—ending in 2003 when she returned home to serve as Mission Director at St Joseph's.

For Pat, "Jubilee year is a time to jubilate or shout for joy for God's life in us. It is truly God's gift for us to share with others when we are truly grateful and so are filled with joy."

A quaint saying, "I'll be your huckleberry" means the right person for a job, and Sister Pat fills that bill to a "T" in the CSJ world. ☛

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