

Sister Georgeann Vumbaco, RSM  
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Sister Georgeann Vumbaco was born in Meriden and grew up in Wallingford. She graduated from Mercy High School in 1967 and further pursued her education at St. Joseph College in West Hartford, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Child Study and History, and her Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry.

In 1973, Sister Georgeann entered the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy is a religious congregation whose mission is to serve the poor, the sick and the uneducated, especially women and children. She has served on the Liturgy Committee, Admissions Commission, and the Vocation Team for the Sisters of Mercy. Sister has served as chairperson of the Board of Trustees for Mercy Community Health as well as serving on the Mission Effectiveness Committee.

Sister Georgeann has devoted herself to teaching, working in Pawcatuck and New Haven. In September 1976, Sister joined the staff of St. Joseph School in Meriden and has served as its principal from 1982 -2002. She was the coordinator and spokeswoman for the Meriden Catholic Schools since 1985. She continues to be actively involved with her high school alma mater, Mercy High School, and serves as chairperson of the school board as well as a corporate member of the Mercy High School Corporation. Sister is now chair person of the Mercy High School Board. Sister Georgeann was a member of the Children's First Initiative Collaborative and the School Readiness Council. From 2001 - 2002, she agreed to volunteer as the chaplain of the Meriden Fire Department. Presently Sister serves as chairperson for the Advisory Board on Aging for the City of Meriden. Sister was on the Bradley Home Board from 2007 until 2020. She was chairperson from 2017-2019. Her term ended in 2020. She was asked to rejoin the Bradley Home Board in 2021.

In 2001, Sister received the Leadership Award given by the Women and Families Center of Meriden and the Catherine McAuley Award from Mercy High School.

The incredible success of Saint Joseph School is largely a credit to Sister Georgeann's ability to plan for the future. Under her leadership, the school has earned accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; a substantial endowment has been established with Sister's support and guidance; and the third floor of the school has recently undergone a major renovation to allow for additional learning space.

Sister Georgeann's words and actions are congruent with Jesus' mission of love and salvation. She is a great believer in encouraging both children and adults to have a stake in their future and in their community. Sister Georgeann is especially supportive of single parents because she recognizes the sacrifices they make daily to improve the lives

of their children. She treats all genders, races, and socio-economic groups with equal respect and dignity. Sister Georgeann is an excellent role model for all young women.

Sister Georgeann is presently part-time pastoral associate at Our Lady Queen of Angels. Her ministry brings her to visiting the hospital, bringing Communion to the homebound, assisting at wakes and funerals well as being present at the weekend Masses. She also does wakes at the funeral homes and graveside services. In the past she volunteered in the school, facilitated a book club and bereavement group

In her free time, Sister Georgeann enjoys playing her guitar, candy-making, walking her dog, and a good laugh.

*Composed by Lynn Bucke*