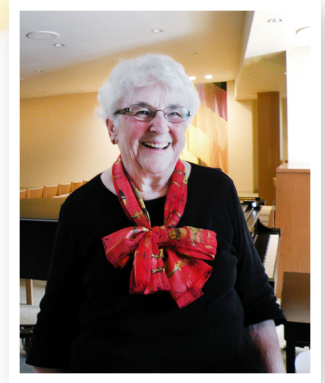


# Joan Thomas, OP



*When I think of having the gift of THIS MOMENT in time...living SIXTY YEARS in our treasured Grand Rapids Dominican Community...it is a profound blessing and reality!*



**I**f I had not answered the Call to Religious Life, I am not sure how my personal, spiritual, and professional growth would have unfolded.

My journey of Dominican Life through prayer, study, service, and community has provided me SO many venues in the world of music. These include the ministries of teaching, leadership, organization, marketing - and the reality of being touched by the lives and hearts of people across our country. I hope that together we have made a difference in the world.

Meister Eckhart says it so simply, yet so deeply, for me: "If the only prayer you ever say in your life is THANK YOU, that will be enough!"

And so I say thank you dear family, sisters, colleagues, and friends. May the song in our hearts be filled with peace for all peoples.

60 years