

Bernardine Franciscan Sisters Florence Kruczek (right), 91, and de Lourdes Okoniewski, 87, each entered religious life in the 1940s, barely out of high school. For decades, prayer and teaching filled their days. Yet a lifetime of serving others has only increased their own gratitude. "I get up each morning and say, 'O Lord, thank you for the gift of another day,'" says Sister Florence.

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