

## **Sister Eleanor Martin, SCN Class of 1963**



Sister Eleanor Martin, a member of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, is an attorney at Boston's Irish Immigration Center, which was established in 1989 to assist Irish newcomers. Today the center has expanded to serve immigrants from more than 100 nations, providing legal advice, advocacy, referrals and support on issues relating to immigration, employment, citizenship, housing and social services. Sister Eleanor has been with the Center since 2007, and represents immigrants in asylum and post-asylum as well as family reunification matters.

After graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Spalding University, she was a U.S. history teacher at Our Lady of Nazareth in Wakefield from 1970 to 1975. She later received a juris doctor degree from Boston College Law School in 1978 and is the first Sister of Charity of Nazareth to do so.

From 1978 through 2002, she practiced law on behalf of low-income individuals in Kentucky and Massachusetts. She has worked as associate director for the Legal Aid Society of Louisville and was instrumental in establishing the first domestic violence shelter in eastern Kentucky. She also has been a managing attorney for the Southeastern Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation. From 2002-2007, Sister Eleanor served as vice provincial of the Western Province of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

She is a member of the Board of Stewardship Trustees of the Catholic Health Initiative; she previously served on its Members Council. She also has served on the boards of Saints Mary & Elizabeth Hospital and Marymount Medical Center, both in Kentucky.

She says that wherever she has been missioned she has remained a faithful member of Red Sox Nation and has followed the Sox even when in Venezuela and India. Sister Eleanor is a former member of the AWHIS advisory board and Board of Trustees. She is a resident of Weymouth.