

## *Meet our Associate Lynne Sparks*

*Lynne became an Associate on May 1, 2011. Her companion Sister is Sister Rose Marie Surwilo.*



Following is her story:

I am very involved in ministries at my Parish, St. Mary's in Mokena. I am a Eucharistic Minister, a Second Grade Catechist, Secretary of the Council of Catholic Women, participant in Bible Study and an adult volunteer for the Youth Ministry. I also was part of the RCIA Team at St. Mary's. I have served two three-year terms on the Religious Education Board and one three-year term as an At-Large Member of the Parish Council. I became acquainted with and worked with Sr. Dolores Zemont and Sr. Rose Marie Surwilo on the RCIA Team.

I didn't even know that the Associate Program existed until Sr. Rose Marie told me about it. After she explained it to me, I decided that I wanted to become an Associate. I like the fact that I can continue to be involved in the ministries at my Parish. Most of all, I love the idea that I can be associated with and have a connection with the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate. I am single. Since I became an Associate with the Sisters, I now have another family.

I know that I will never be alone. I have started the fourth year of my commitment as an Associate and I absolutely love it.