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Three women celebrate 50 years as vowed religious

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While none made a big thing of it, word got out at this weekend's

gathering of the Catholic Theological Society of America that three women were celebrating their fiftieth year as vowed religious. Congregation of St. Joseph Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson, Dominican Sister Jamie T. Phelps, and Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary Anne E. Patrick all are enjoying their golden anniversary.

Asked what has come out of 50 years of religious life, Johnson cited the excitement of the opening of the doors to lay ministries, Patrick, the surprises the Spirit keeps sending our way, and Phelps, the joys of working with so many good people.

These three women are living without regrets.

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