



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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