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60 Years

Sister Mary Alcuin served as a teacher and principal in Missouri and Illinois for 22 years before serving on the provincial council for the former St. Louis Province from 1975-83. She then served as the province treasurer for seven years. She was the administrative assistant for the former Notre Dame Travel in St. Louis and was a bookkeeper for LaSalette Fathers and the Immigrant and Refugee Women's Program. She currently serves in the ministry of prayer and presence at the Sarah Community in Bridgeton, Missouri. She received a bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in history from St. Louis University.

A blessing of these years has been the many opportunities

for spiritual growth and the many wonderful women with whom I have lived and worked. I was privileged to minister and to visit in Africa as well as here at home. I attended a General Chapter for our congregation. It was clear that these gifts from God helped to form me as an SSND these 60 years.

The wisdom I would like to share is that the Lord leads us

as we move from place to place in ministry and community. God has promised to be with me always. This has been true for me. I need only to open to his movement of grace within me.

What drew me to SSND?

I was very close to the SSND community all my life. During elementary school, I had SSNDs. My family lived next to St. Engelbert School, and the sisters lived on the other side. My uncle and aunt worked at Villa Gesu with our retired sisters. From these early experiences, I knew the SSNDs as dedicated, spirited women. They were holy, yet they were human and caring and skilled as teachers.

Meaningful times in my ministry included:

My first 10 years as a professed SSND teacher were spent at St. Gabriel School in St. Louis. There was such a spirit among the sisters, children, parents, lay teachers and clergy. These were the strongest years of formation for me. I was surrounded with many wonderful models of teaching and living as a woman of the church.

Another special time in ministry was when I served on the provincial council for two terms. This was a time to get to know many of our St. Louis sisters across our country and in Africa. The dedication of these women was a real gift and grace for me.



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