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70 years

Sister M. Valine spent many years as a primary and intermediate teacher in schools in Minnesota and North Dakota. After some time on sabbatical and in personal renewal, discernment led her to a period of time in a school secretarial position in Sartell, Minnesota. "The hand of God" directed her to a marvelous ministry to children in the foster grandparent program in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She received many awards for this service. More recently her ministry of prayer and presence has graced lives at Good Counsel in Mankato. Here two of her three SSND siblings, Sisters M. Vianney and Miriam, also reside. Their blood sister, Sister M. Verna, died in 1973.

All through my life I was searching for God's will.

I made it known several times that I would love to care for orphans; however, as years went by there were fewer orphanages to be found. After many years of accepting assignments to be teacher, principal, giving piano lessons and helping with classroom music in several schools, I was offered an opportunity to work with children with special needs. I believe that God's will was made known to me.

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but I have always had a deep desire to help and support children and their mothers who have been in abusive relationships.

Having spent 33 years as a teacher and three years as

a school secretary, I then worked 20 years as a foster grandparent at Talahi Elementary School in St. Cloud, Minnesota. During the summer I volunteered at Anna Marie's women's shelter in St. Cloud. There I spent each day caring for children of women who had been in abusive relationships and were in the process of building a new life for themselves and their children. I called my years in this ministry the best years of my life!



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