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50 Years

*ister Clara* served as a teacher for 47 years in St. Louis, Missouri; East St. Louis, Illinois; Quincy, Illinois; Fort Madison, Iowa; Keokuk, Iowa; Merced, California; San Diego, California; and Los Angeles, California. Since 1999, she has been the director of the learning center and a teacher at Moreland-Notre Dame Elementary in Watsonville, California. She received her bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in social science from Clarke College in Iowa.

## I was drawn to be a School Sister of Notre Dame...

As a young child, I was impressed by several School Sisters of Notre Dame. So when I was working, I felt the call to religious life and asked to join the SSNDs. When I taught first grade at Holy Angels, East St. Louis, I could see how far they has progressed in learning. I felt blessed to be a part of that. Teaching composition writing is a difficult task. When my former students do well in high school and college, I am grateful for their successes.