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70 Years

Sister Leonida served as a teacher for 50 years in St. Louis, Missouri; Washington, Missouri; Belleville, Illinois; Effingham, Illinois; and Sunland, California. During that time, she taught at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis from 1976-2001. She also served as principal at Rosati-Kain High School in St. Louis from 1969-76. She was in volunteer ministry for several years and currently serves a ministry of prayer and presence at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton, Missouri. She received her bachelor's in biology from St. Louis University and a master's in secondary administration from Immaculate Heart in California.

Throughout my lifetime, a love of nature has been a very deep element of my spirituality, and gardening has truly been a nurturing experience for me. During the past years since moving to Veronica House in 2005, my room has looked out onto a "courtyard garden." I've been able to continue living that nurturing experience, though in a more limited way. Recently I read that Blessed Theresa almost always concluded the list of "necessary household living quarters" with a request for a garden! Perhaps, that's why Blessed Theresa wrote these words:

"All the works of God proceed slowly and in pain; but then, their roots are the studier and their flowering the lovelier."

– *You Are Sent*, #5.



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