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for all you do."*

**- Monica Marie Eilers
SSND**

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60 Years

Sister Monica Marie served 14 years in her inaugural ministry as a teacher and administrator at St. Gregory Nongraded School in Tyler, Texas. In 1969 she moved to the New Orleans diocese, serving as a grade school teacher and administrator in the towns of Bogalusa and Metairie. Following a sabbatical, she was called to St. Mary School in Brownsville, Texas, where she served from 1983-2000 in elementary education. Beginning that year, she turned to her current full-time ministry as executive director of the Notre Dame Education Center in Canton, Mississippi. She received her bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in elementary education from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio.

A blessing of these years I want to share is ...

Among the many blessings has been the support of my family through these 60 years. I have never ministered near my home, but my family has always been a great support from a distance. I also consider it a blessing that I have been able to work with different cultures in the fields of primary, junior high and adult education.

The words of wisdom I would like to share ...

Knowing that God has a plan for all you do, attempt to do your best to live out your commitment of service.

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

I have always loved teaching and I have found that most students (no matter what age) will try to improve their lives through education. Also, when I was freed of administrative work and was missioned to Brownsville, Texas, to teach in elementary school, I considered it a promotion.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

My family had several members in different religious congregations. I was taught by School Sisters of Notre Dame throughout my school years. Since I wanted to be a teacher instead of doing missionary work, I chose to enter the School Sisters of Notre Dame.