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SSND**

- formerly S. John Louis

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70 Years

Sister Marie's early ministry years included 14 years as a high school teacher, eight of those years at St. Alphonsus School in Chicago, followed by shorter assignments in Laurium, Michigan and Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1959, she began an 11-year ministry at Wisconsin's Marinette Catholic Central High School, as both a teacher and librarian. She served several years afterward as a teacher, librarian and business manager in the Wisconsin towns of Mequon, Burlington and Milwaukee. In 1975, she accepted a new role at Milwaukee's Spectrum High School, teaching African American girls in an alternative educational setting. She served as a teacher in the Kenyan towns of Kisii and Nyabururu between 1983-1986. She returned to a new emphasis in pastoral ministry, working for nine years at the Charities Helping Center in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Beginning in 1997, she served as a full-time volunteer across the Milwaukee diocese through 2001, when she accepted a position as a senior aide at Interfaith, Inc., a post she held for four years. Since 2005, she has continued serving in volunteer roles across Milwaukee. In 2010 she moved to Notre Dame of Elm Grove, where she witnesses by prayer and presence. She received her bachelor's in secretarial education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's of library science at the College of St. Catherine in Minneapolis.

What was an especially meaningful time in your ministry?

My days of teaching at Milwaukee Spectrum, Inc., where we enabled teenaged black girls to earn a high school diploma, were the most productive, meaningful and satisfying years of my life. Working with two other School Sisters of Notre Dame as the basic staff, we taught the required high school courses enabling our young black students to earn their diploma. Seeing them standing tall and smiling confidently as they graduated, ready to take their place in the adult world, was well worth every effort.