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70 Years

Sister Miriam Therese served as a teacher from 1944-1964 in the cities of Milwaukee and Chicago, beginning in primary grades and moving up to the high school level. For the next 25 years, she ministered as a teacher, assistant principal and principal at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Following a two-year post as a nurse's aide in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, she returned to the classroom in Milwaukee. From 1984-1990 she was a teacher and administrator at Lourdes High School in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Since 1990, she has served full-time as director of religious education at Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Huntington, Indiana. She holds a bachelor's in mathematics from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in administration from DePaul University in Chicago.

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

As a School Sister of Notre Dame I taught 2nd and 8th grades, high school math, and was an assistant principal and high school principal. I've been blessed to live in large and small communities that were loving and caring. I've found the students and their families cooperative and responsible. I thank God daily for my vocation and for all the loving, caring and good religious individuals I've had the privilege to know and live with.

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

I've found positive reinforcement and challenges most helpful in relating with individuals.

An especially meaningful time in my ministry ...

When I was at West Catholic in Grand Rapids. I started as a math teacher, became assistant principal, and then principal. It was here that I found the students and their families aware of the importance of using their God-given talents and caring about making West Catholic an outstanding school. They responded well to suggestions for personal and school improvement.

What drew you to the School Sisters of Notre Dame?

At Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School my teachers were SSNDs. I liked them as caring teachers and I received an excellent education. At Huntington Catholic High School I had our sisters, as well as Franciscan School Sisters who taught at St. Mary's Catholic School. I found our sisters to be more professional, so I had no trouble choosing our community.



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