

2016 Jubilee



First Profession
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50 Years

Sister Regina served as a teacher in three Missouri high schools from 1968 through 1983 following her first profession of vows in 1966. She then became the first administrator at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis for eight years. In 1991, she opened the School Sisters of Notre Dame's province resource development office in St. Louis, where she served for five years. Returning to California, she ministered as a nonprofit consultant, facilitating diverse groups, including mature and startup agencies, specializing in long-range, board and development planning for nonprofit organizations. Sister Regina also facilitated pastoral council development and planning in the Diocese of Orange. Since 1996, she ministers with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange in Orange, California. She continues to consult with and facilitate in planning and funding development processes with groups around the United States. From 2011 through 2014, she coordinated the Central Pacific Province's communications as community engagement director. Currently Sister Regina is the program director for the Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation in Orange, California. She holds a bachelor's in mathematics from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and master's degrees in religious studies from Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles as well as in private school administration from the University of San Francisco in San Francisco.

A memory I would like to share...

Being the first in the St. Louis province to make final vows as an individual rather than in a class is a wonderful memory. Students and their families in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, surprised me by flying my parents in from California for the Easter Sunday final vows profession. Then, 25 years later, celebrating jubilee in St. Louis was a coming together of family, friends, colleagues, students and their families, nonprofit partners and volunteers.

As members of an international community, we expand the table for all to share stories and needs, gifts and talents. We take risks, we transfer our skills, we invite partnerships, we believe Jesus' words in John 10:10 that he came so we might have the fullness of life. We enthusiastically embrace and promote "education to enable persons to reach the fullness of their potential as individuals created in God's image, assisting them to direct their gifts toward renewing the earth." (*You Are Sent* 22)

Memories are abundant of opportunities, possibilities and potential nurtured with community support, education, trust and affirmation. Gratitude for quiet moments, significant challenges, partners on the journey and the belief that what we can be and do together is greater than what we are able to do by ourselves inspires confidence and offers hope. Blessed Theresa's words resonate in our day: "All the works of God proceed slowly and in pain; then their roots are the sturdier and their flowering the lovelier. We celebrate our sturdy roots and share the lovely flowering."

