

2016 Jubilee



First Profession
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Maureen Therese Mueller, SSND *60 Years*

Sister Maureen Therese served as an elementary school teacher for three years in Marrero and Chalmette, Louisiana, following her first profession of vows in 1956. After teaching primary grades for 19 years in Chalmette, Louisiana; Mobile, Alabama; and New Orleans, she continued serving in New Orleans at St. Gabriel School as a primary teacher and religion coordinator and as a children's choir director for four years. She then taught first grade and music for four years in San Antonio. After she had completed a four-month renewal program at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi, Sister Maureen Therese worked with liturgy for retired sisters and assisted with daily needs. She then went to Natchitoches, Louisiana, where she taught first grade and music, and organized a children's choir that sang in the parish and the city for 10 years. She continued as a teacher's aide and as a religion and music teacher at Notre Dame of Dallas School, serving students with cognitive disabilities. She currently serves as a music teacher highlighting students' abilities at schools and around Dallas. Sister Maureen Therese received a bachelor's in English and theology from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in elementary education from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas.

A memory I would like to share...

A 17-year-old young lady came to Notre Dame School about seven years ago. Her mother told me that she could not sing or sign or play instruments, the skills I teach all the students. I told the mother that we will see what she can do, as this young lady was very verbal. As it happened, when trying her out singing and signing, she demonstrated that she was a quick study. Being very encouraged with her progress, I tried her in the bell choir which demands greater skills in handling and reading a chart. Again she was quick to grasp the skills needed to perform well. She was becoming a star. Finally, I cast her in a role that demanded memorizing many lines in our Christmas play. To my great pleasure and that of her parents, she performed flawlessly and also proved to be a great dancer in another play the next year. When it was time to graduate, her mother could not say enough in gratitude for all the talents and gifts we discovered in her. Today she is gainfully employed, and comes back to visit her old school that gave her so much confidence to learn many skills and achieve high standards. I am grateful to God for the gifts He has given me to be an instrument in assisting these students to fulfill their destiny on Earth as children of God and then to become citizens for all eternity with God in Heaven.