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## **Sister Audrey Lindenfelser, SSND**

*Sister Audrey devoted her early years of ministry teaching in Minnesota in Montevideo and St. Paul. In 1974, she moved to administration, serving St. Anne in Wabasso, Epiphany in Coon Rapids and St. Anthony in Watkins. She returned to the classroom, traveling in 1989 to Kisii, Kenya, as teacher and administrator at St. Theresa's Girls' Secondary School. She returned to the Diocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis in 1992, where she taught both children and adults through the new millennium. Since 2000, she has served in special/alternative elementary education for primary school children as the executive director at East Side Learning Center in St. Paul. She received her Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, and graduated in 1982 with a master's in nonpublic school administration from Minnesota's University of St. Thomas.*



### *A memory I have to share...*

I can't help but think of the many individuals who have graced my life. It has been each person, whether adult or child, who has expanded my thinking, offered encouragement, challenged me to find the presence of Divine Love in the ordinary activities of each day and enriched my life. It is through our relationships and interactions in the small daily moments that we encounter God's grace. I recall a night when, as headmistress of a girls' high school in Kenya, I drove one of the girls to the hospital, though it was dangerous. Her family was so grateful for the care we gave their daughter, that from the little they had, they brought me a precious gift of five oranges as an expression of their appreciation. I didn't want to take those oranges because I knew how very poor the family was, yet I had to remind myself that I also needed to receive as well as give. Another example of being graced by another was the witness of a colleague who, while battling brain cancer, came to work every day with a smile and positive spirit that inspired me to live gratefully. So many, through ministry, community, or family connections have deeply enriched my life through the years, and I am grateful.

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