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*Formerly Sister Claudia*

## **Sister Barbara Neist, SSND**

*Sister Barbara's first assignment was to teach in a small rural elementary school in West Alton, Missouri. After one year, she began a decade of ministry as a high school teacher, first at the Academy of Notre Dame in Belleville, Illinois, followed by Notre Dame High School in St. Louis. In 1979, she moved to the Los Angeles Archdiocese, working throughout the next decade as a high school administrator. She served as the archdiocese's supervisor and associate superintendent for secondary schools from 1989 through 1994. Sister Barbara then accepted a role as associate superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, a position she held for 13 years. In 2007, she moved back to Missouri and began work in parish ministry in the towns of Morrison, Linn and Chamois. She also worked part-time at Jefferson City's Helias Catholic High School as coordinator of curriculum and instruction from 2009 through 2015. Currently she serves on the staff of El Puente Hispanic Ministry, also in Jefferson City. She holds a bachelor's in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and master's degrees in political science and secondary education administration, from St. Louis University and Mount St. Mary's in Los Angeles, respectively.*



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

Gratitude is the memory of the heart. I am filled with joyful gratitude for the gift of being a School Sister of Notre Dame for 50 years. I have received the love and support of the community through all the seasons of life. Membership in our international congregation has also given me opportunities to grow, to have a larger vision and to be challenged to continue to expand my understanding of what it means to be called "to make one."

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