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First Profession—7/29/1967

Formerly Sister Marie Quentin

Sister Diane Marie Buckman, SSND

Sister Diane Marie was an elementary teacher in St. Louis and in Illinois during her first 17 years of ministry. In 1986, she moved to Pico Rivera, California, where she taught math, science and religion for eight years at St. Marianne de Paredes Junior High School, and served as the parish liturgy director/coordinator. After 25 years of teaching in Catholic elementary schools, she turned to communications work, specializing in television production beginning in 1994. As associate producer, director and editor for four years at Wordnet Productions in Riverside, California, she aired weekly productions on the Vision/Odyssey national cable network and on syndication to 15 other stations. During this time, she witnessed the power of television through working with the president of Wordnet and televangelist, Rev. Michael Manning, SVD. She was tasked with carrying education and evangelization beyond the traditional classroom and into homes. Returning to St. Louis in 1998, she began working at COR Productions, a for-profit video production company in St. Louis. She held the position for six years while attending classes at Webster University. From 1998 until 2011, she produced a series of half-hour television programs called "Good News in Our Neighborhoods," which highlighted various stories and ministries of sisters, and aired and re-ran on various local outlets in St. Louis. In 1999, she was asked by the School Sisters of Notre Dame Theological Development Committee to do a video production project that grew into a 20-part series. This work involved meeting renowned theologians from collegiate institutions in the U.S., and was a farsighted vision to promote theological development, education and renewal of religious women. Beginning in 2012, she began working part-time as a video production specialist for St. Louis City TV's YouTube channel producing and editing several weekly television programs that highlighted a variety of topics events occurring in and around St. Louis. Sister Diane Marie holds a bachelor's in American studies from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's in education from St. Francis University in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Memories I have to share...

Since my first profession in 1967, I enjoyed 17 years of teaching in elementary school in Illinois and Missouri. The last eight years of teaching however, left a lasting impression on me at St. Marianne de Pareda in Pico Rivera, California. Being from the Anglo Midwest, those years were very significant as I learned to live and teach junior high in a uniquely new Hispanic culture. The Hispanic people helped me to see the world from a more global perspective. California, too, had diversity in its landscape as well as its people. With my science background, I enjoyed hiking into the high elevations of the nearby mountains and spending time observing the differences in the high and low deserts of the area with the variety of plants and animals that made their home there. Living in Southern California was a whole different experience. Living close to the ocean, clouds were present not because of rain, but as a result of the daily marine layer. I saw things there first hand that I had only previously learned and taught from books or saw in the zoo. My new ministry of video production came after my Silver Jubilee and involved my last four years in California. My teaching experience and background prepared me for what I saw as a new kind of classroom through television production at Wordnet Studios in Riverside. I have very fond memories that have greatly broadened my perspective on people and deepen my faith and love for all of God and God's creation. Religious life was the best choice I have ever made. I would recommend it highly to young people today who would be daring enough to take a chance on God.

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