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*Formerly Sister Stephanie Marie*

## **Sister Linda Kremer, SSND**

*Sister Linda began her service as a middle school teacher in the diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau in Missouri. She moved to Quincy, Illinois, where she taught at St. Francis Solanus from 1972 through 1977. She then served for four years as principal at Our Lady Queen of Peace near St. Louis, returning to teach in Jefferson City until 1984. She began a new role as a counselor beginning in 1984, serving in both St. Louis and Jefferson City's St. Peter Grade School. Following a period of renewal and studies, Sister Linda continued as an elementary school counselor in rural Catholic grade schools near St. Louis. From 2002 through 2004, she served in Decatur, Illinois, as a principal. She then accepted the role of director of religious education at St. Joseph Parish in Cumberland, Rhode Island, in the Diocese of Providence. She held that post until 2014, when she began her position as SSND's community leader in St. Louis, where she resides today. She holds a bachelor's in American Studies from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, and graduated in 1983 with a master's in elementary school guidance counseling from Emporia State University in Kansas.*



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

The years have certainly flown by, and this expression says it all: "How can this be!" I have had so many ministry experiences and loved them all. But I have a particular fondness for the years I spent in elementary school counseling and as a co-director of a home for neglected and abused teenagers. I felt I was able to develop good interpersonal relationships with the youngsters because much of my work with them was one-on-one in nature. I even had one little boy tell me that if he had a mother (his was deceased), he would want her to be just like me. What a compliment! I entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame because I wanted to be a teacher. I felt I was well prepared, supported and encouraged in my ministries by my SSND sisters. It is the relationship with my sisters that sustains me in religious life. They are my example when times get rough. I find it a joy that I am now ministering to those sisters in my role as a community leader at Theresa Center. The journey together continues. I can only say with Psalm 23, "Goodness and kindness pursue me all the days of my life."

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