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Sister Urban Maureen began her ministry in the diocese of Belleville, Illinois, teaching middle and upper grades at St. Joseph in Cairo and Holy Angels in East St. Louis. In 1979, she moved to the Diocese of Los Angeles and served in administration at St. Hilary grade school in Pico Rivera. She returned to the Midwest in 1983, again serving in grade school administration. From 1987 through 2006, Sister Urban Maureen worked as a tutor and co-director of Notre Dame Tutorial Center in St. Louis. Following a period of recuperation and prayerful discernment, she returned to teaching students with special needs at St. Mary's High School in St. Louis through 2014. She continues to offer her services part-time to students in various Catholic schools across St. Louis. She holds a bachelor's in American Studies from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, and a Master's of Education in 1979 from the University of Illinois-Champaign.



A memory I have to share...

During a very difficult time while I was in Pico Rivera, California, another sister and I went through a criminal trial and a \$4.3 million dollar civil lawsuit on charges that had no basis in fact. When we lost the criminal case, my self-esteem was at an all-time low. However, the song, "Be Not Afraid," the support of my sisters in community, and the love of Jesus that I heard in that song helped me survive. When we won the case on appeal many years later and the lawsuit was dropped, all I could do was thank my sisters and Jesus for the love which had pulled me through. One day a former student showed up at my classroom door with four roses and a hug to say thanks for what I had done for him in the past. He also offered to help out in any way that I might need him in the future. He and a cousin whom I had also taught came and took me to an eye doctor appointment when it snowed and I was afraid to drive by myself. Several weeks later, he and his dad drove me to a doctor appointment while it was snowing and ice was forming. On the way, he told me that he would probably have been in jail by that time, had it not been for us sisters at Notre Dame Tutorial Center. When he came to the center, he only knew how to cause trouble because he didn't know he could actually learn and succeed. What a blessing it was to know that we had helped him. Significant to me in the last few years is that any former student who contacts me, always asks within the first five minutes of conversation, if he or she is still on my prayer list. And, of course, they are! I pray always for all the children I have taught. But it has been surprising to me that this particular concern is common to all of them.

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