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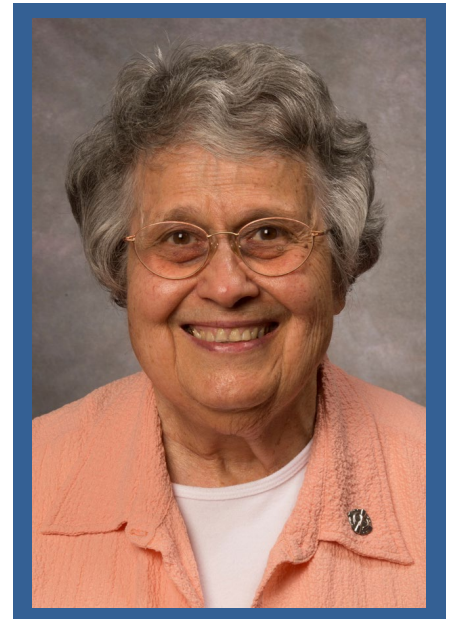
Celebrating 60 years
First Profession—8/3/1957

Sister Avila Markiewicz, SSND

Sister Avila began a teaching ministry in 1957, serving six years at St. Joseph grade school in East St. Louis, Illinois. She moved to the Diocese of St. Louis, teaching at three different schools until 1977. She began serving in healthcare as an occupational therapy aide at the SSND Villa Gesu retirement home, a ministry which continued until 1991, when she began splitting her time between administrative work there and aide work at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, Illinois. The latter part of the 1990s through 2011 were spent assisting as an artist and seamstress for SSND, as well as at Mary, Queen of the Universe retirement home in St. Louis. Today, Sister Avila continues to enjoy a ministry of prayer and presence, as well as part-time assistance in alterations at the Theresa Center in St. Louis. She holds a bachelor's in art from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, and a master's in art from the University of Notre Dame.

A memory I have to share...

I have been blessed in so many ways during my 60 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame. I thank the Lord for His faithfulness and goodness to me, and pray I can continue to use the gifts He has given me to help others.



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