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Sister Geraldine Neier, SSND

Sister Geraldine's teaching ministry took her to four different Midwest dioceses in the first 15 years of her service. She returned to St. Louis in 1975, teaching and working in high school administration until accepting a leadership role as provincial councilor from 1979 through 1983. Following six years in administration at Bishop DuBourg High School in St. Louis, Sister Geraldine moved to Sierra Leone, where she taught high school students at Kabala Secondary School before being forced to flee the country due to rebel violence in early 1995. She returned to administrative roles in education, first at Rosary High School, then as director of religious education at St. Mary parish in Carlyle, Illinois, where she ministered from 1999 through 2009. Since then, she has continued to serve part-time on staff at the Criminal Justice Ministry in St. Louis. She earned a bachelor's in biology from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, followed by a master's in geology and religious education from the University of North Dakota and Loyola University in New Orleans, respectively.



A reflection I have to share...

Jubilee! What? So soon? How can this be? Yes, it's time to face the reality of long-term service as a School Sister of Notre Dame. It has been a challenge, a thrill and a lot of fun to live out my ministry as an SSND. From Arkansas to Iowa to Illinois to Missouri and with special love to Sierra Leone, West Africa, I have found support, challenges and thrills. We are called to do far more than we can ask or imagine, and that's the marvel of it all. I have millions of happy memories and at the same time, I am aware of shortcomings, so this gives me a chance to say I apologize if in any way I have disappointed anyone along the way and to say thanks to all who have inspired and supported me. I am reminded of the saying: For all that has been, thanks; for all that will be, yes!

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