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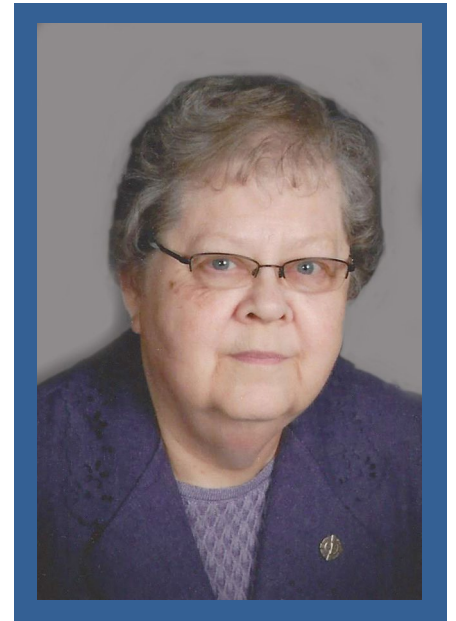
Celebrating 60 Years

First Profession—8/3/1957

Formerly Sister Vernon Marie

Sister Joan Bellew, SSND

Sister Joan became a teacher after her first profession of vows. She completed a bachelor's from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. She was then assigned to teach science and math at Redemptorist High School in New Orleans. This ministry was followed by positions at St. Anthony High School in Effingham, Illinois, and St. Gerard High School in San Antonio. In Texas, Sister Joan's service continued as an administrator and teacher at Thomas K. Gorman High School in Tyler. She served as an administrator and teacher at Sacred Heart in Morrilton, Arkansas, before moving to Chatawa, Mississippi, where she began serving as the coordinator of community development. Sister Joan's calling took her to Ghana for seven years as a teacher and headmistress. Returning to the United States in 1997, she was a substitute teacher at Aquinas High School in Fort Madison, Iowa, for a year before resuming full-time teaching duties at Notre Dame High School in Burlington, Iowa, for 11 years. She served in prayer and presence for four and a half years before passing on January 1, 2017, in Bridgeton, Missouri.



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