



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

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Celebrating 60 years

First Profession—8/3/1957

Formerly Sister John de Deo

Sister Joyce Ann Berkel, SSND

Sister Joyce Ann taught high school following completion of her studies and first profession of vows. She spent the decade of the 1960s at Academy of Notre Dame in Belleville, Illinois, followed by two years as associate administrator. She moved back to St. Louis, serving as principal at Notre Dame High School from 1971 through 1978. She was called to Rome, where she served as secretary to the General Superior through 1987. Upon returning from Rome, she served as the secretary to the bishop of Belleville until 1997. She then accepted a role in ministry as secretary to the provincial leader in St. Louis, concluding that post in 2007. In the years since, she has volunteered in numerous capacities in both St. Louis and Shiloh, Illinois. She continues today as a prayerful witness and in spirited presence. Sister Joyce Ann earned a bachelor's in economics in 1960 from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1969, she completed a master's of business administration from the University of Notre Dame.



A memory I have to share...

Reflecting on my 60 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame, I have been blessed with so many wonderful opportunities, but the one that stands out for me is the experience I had of being the secretary to our general superior, Mary Margaret Johanning, and living in Rome for 10 years. This was a time before direct dialing to the United States, no computers and no cell phones. Because of this, I traveled with Sister Mary Margaret to all the North American provinces and some European provinces so that we could keep up with her correspondence. This also involved attending the EGCs in Africa and South America. However, there were also many experiences in Rome, itself: General Chapters; Jubilarian Renewals; beatification of our Foundress, Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger; deaths and elections of popes, many other gatherings of our sisters, but also the challenging experience of living in an international community. All of these experiences and more have a special place in my mind and heart, and I am so grateful for all of them.

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