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Formerly Sister Mary Andrene

Sister Sharon Aalbers, SSND

Sister Sharon's first 15 ministry years were spent in elementary and middle school teaching in seven Catholic grade schools across Texas, Iowa, California, Missouri and Illinois. Between 1973 and 1982, she taught in Illinois in the Belleville and Springfield Dioceses. For the next 25 years, she served in California, beginning at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Indio, through 1993. Following several more years teaching in the Monterey Diocese, Sister Sharon turned to social service ministry, working as agency relations manager for Watsonville's Second Harvest Food Bank. From 2002 through 2006, she served in administrative roles at Sacred Heart School in Salinas. She continued in full-time work from 2005 through 2015 as a receptionist at St. James Parish in Glendale, Arizona. She continues today in the ministry of prayer and presence, volunteering her time around Phoenix. She holds a bachelor's in music theory from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, and earned her master's in the same discipline from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.



A memory I have to share...

My most recent experience was that in January 2017, I was privileged to participate in the Walk for Life in Washington D.C. Ten of us from the Phoenix area, most from Life Choices Women's Clinics where I volunteer, went to D.C. for Babies Go To Congress on Thursday and the Walk for Life on Friday, January 27. The presence of thousands of youths was most impressive. Their enthusiasm was both inspiring and contagious. At the conclusion of the walk at the steps of the Supreme Court building, I prayed with all SSNDs that life will be respected from the moment of conception to natural death.

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