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Formerly David Mara

Sister Jo Ann Cordiero, SSND

Sister Jo Ann finished her undergraduate degree in American Studies at the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, following her first profession in 1968. She moved to the Diocese of Los Angeles, where she taught middle school students at St. Marianne De Paredes, Pico Rivera, California, for three years before finishing her master's degree in English as a Second Language. In 1974, she answered the call to serve in Kyoto, Japan. For the next two decades, Sister Jo Ann taught at the Notre Dame Junior and Senior High School from 1975 to 1978, and as an instructor at Notre Dame Women's College from 1978 to 1995. She also volunteered in Seoul, South Korea, working with children with disabilities during one summer break. Returning to the U.S., she served the congregation by volunteering at Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis, in the infirmary, Resource Development and elementary education. She moved to Los Angeles, where she taught middle school students at Our Lady of Talpa from 1997 to 1999. The dawn of the new millennium found her at Sacred Heart School in Salinas, California, where she taught through 2007. Following several years of service to the SSNDs at Sancta Maria in Ripa, Sister Jo Ann turned to elder caregiving in private homes. She continues to volunteer her time around St. Louis and serve in prayer and presence to her community.



A memory I want to share...

The most significant memory I have to share is of the day I got a call from the Provincial Council requesting me to minister in Japan. The 20 years I spent with our Japanese sisters and the people enriched me in more ways that I can say.

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