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Formerly Miriam Michael

Sister Joan Markus, SSND

Sister Joan taught students in and around the St. Louis area during the first decade of her ministry. She served at St. Dominic Savio, St. Louis; St. Peter in Belleville, Illinois; and St. Charles Borromeo in St. Charles, Missouri. Beginning in the early 1970s, she began ministry as an elementary administrator, working at St. Henry in Belleville, Illinois; St. Peter in Jefferson City, Missouri; and Santa Isabel, Los Angeles. Sister Joan also worked in two provincial ministries as coordinator of education and later in social concerns. She ministered in religious education at St. Paul Parish in Highland, Illinois, the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois, and the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas. This work was followed by congregational services in the Chicago area, including administrative leadership and advocacy roles for the elderly. From 2007-2011, she served as the provincial leader in the former St. Louis Province and then was called to Rome where she served as the executive secretary to the General Superior for two years. Returning to the Belleville area, Sister Joan began ministry as the Director of Pastoral Care/Spiritual Direction at St. Joseph Hospital in Breese, Illinois. She earned a bachelor's degree in theology from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. She holds masters' degrees in elementary administration from Southeast Missouri State University and religious studies from St. Louis University.



A memory I want to share...

A trip from St. Louis to Japan to Katmandu to Bandipur, Nepal, is an experience etched deeply in my heart. I personally felt the sacredness of God in this experience. When I saw the snow-capped Himalayas, it felt like I was close to heaven.

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