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Formerly Jean Rene

Sister Ruth Karnitz, SSND

Sister Ruth's first decade of ministry was devoted to teaching students in third, fourth and fifth grades across the Milwaukee Archdiocese and in Chicago. Between 1960-1970, she taught at St. Nicholas, St. Anne, St. Benedict (Illinois) and St. John Nepomuk. She accepted a four-year post as coordinator of religious education at St. Joseph school in Oconto in the Diocese of Green Bay. From 1974-1982, she held a similar post at All Saints Parish in Gladstone, Michigan. She relocated to Arizona, continuing as director of religious education at St. James in Glendale, near Phoenix. Sister Ruth began a new ministry in January of 1988, serving on the marriage tribunal in the Diocese of Phoenix. She retired in January of 2011, exactly 23 years later. In 2011, she returned to Notre Dame of Elm Grove to serve in a ministry of prayer and presence. Sister Ruth holds a bachelor's degree in history from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. In 1972, she earned a master's degree in Scripture from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.



A memory I want to share...

I am probably the only person who knows this, but I spent the first semester of my freshman year in the old Milwaukee Motherhouse. God has been good, and I have always ended up loving each challenge I was called to.

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