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Central Pacific Province

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Formerly Deborah Jean

Sister Sandra Ann Weinke, SSND

Sister Sandra Ann devoted her early ministry decades to education and congregational service. From 1960-1964, she taught middle school students at St. Alphonsus Grade School in Chicago, followed by one year at Notre Dame in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. She spent the next decade serving high school students in the Wisconsin dioceses of Milwaukee and Green Bay, including assignments at St. Mary in Burlington, Lourdes in Oshkosh, and St. Mary in Menasha. During this period, she also served part-time as director of vocations at Notre Dame of the Lake in Mequon. Sister Sandra Ann moved to collegiate level teaching, serving from 1982-2002 as a professor at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee. From 1992-1999, she also served the congregation as postulant director. In 2003, Sister Sandra Ann followed her call to the Diocese of Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria, where she taught SSND postulants and diocesan seminarians during their “spiritual year.” Sister also served as a spiritual director and retreat director for religious in the area. She returned to the U.S. in 2009, and undertook a ministry in spiritual direction and retreat work, while in residence in Milwaukee. She also returned part-time to Mount Mary University as an adjunct associate professor of theology. She continues to serve part-time in spiritual ministries, research and writing. Sister Sandra Ann earned her bachelor’s degree in history from Mount Mary College. In 1976, she completed an M.A. degree in Theology at St. John’s University in Minnesota, and in 1982, earned another masters in Spirituality from Regis College in Toronto, Ontario.



A memory I want to share...

One of the most significant experiences of my 60 years as a sister was during my time as a postulant director in Nigeria. It was a privilege for me to be involved in the formation of African women who were drawn to the spirit of Blessed Theresa.

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