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Formerly John Mary

Sister Sue Menshek, SSND

Sister Sue started her short teaching career at Immaculate Conception Grade School in Gilbertville, Iowa. During the 1960s and early 1970s, she taught at: Sacred Heart and St. Agnes in St. Paul; St. Clara in Clara City; St. Ann in Kimball; and St. Peter in Forest Lake. She learned there were migrants in Minnesota when she was assigned to Clara City. She started her migrant ministry, which included advocacy while still teaching. From 1972-1974, she served on staff in pastoral care for the Coalition of Churches for Migrant Concerns (CCMC), an ecumenical effort throughout Minnesota and the Red River Valley of North Dakota. From 1974-1979, she was the coalition's executive director. The coalition effort's included coordination with South Texas, where the majority of the migrants came from. Because of that, Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick asked her to do the same kind of ministry in the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas from 1979-1983. Sister Sue remained in that area accepting various pastoral ministry positions and in social work for the Texas Department of Human Services. From 2007 to the fall of 2014, Sister Sue accepted a new challenge and adventure. She was asked to assist with the legal files in the Center for Legal and Social Justice, a program of St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Through St. Mary's University and webinars, Sue studied immigration law and became an accredited representative through United States Customs and Immigration Service's (USCIS) Board of Immigration Appeals. She worked through Catholic Charities and with the Bernardo Kohler Center during those years. Relocating back to her home state of Minnesota, Sister Sue does community service as well as ministering through prayer and presence at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a Certificate in Hispanic Pastoral Ministry from Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) in San Antonio, Texas.



A memory I want to share...

I am grateful for the many ways I experienced God's love and presence in my life. I am grateful for those who recognized my gifts and convinced me of God's call to serve the poor as an advocate in new and different ministries.

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