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Formerly Robert Marie

Sister Margaret Elsen, SSND

Sister Margaret devoted her earliest ministry years as Sister Robert Marie, teaching at schools across Wisconsin, including St. Peter in Beaver Dam, and St. Anne and Messmer High School in Milwaukee. Following completion of advanced studies, Sister Margaret served as a college professor from 1963-1965, at Mount Mary University. She returned to high school teaching at Messmer for a two-year assignment, then served at UW-SP as Sister Margaret in Stevens Point from 1968-1973, both in campus ministry and as a teacher. She continued teaching in New Mexico ministering at the collegiate level through 1979, when she moved to the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, to serve on the marriage tribunal. Returning to campus ministry to teach, she devoted most of the 1980s to serving students at McHenry Community College in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Sister Margaret relocated to Epworth, Iowa, where she taught and counseled students at Divine Word College Seminary and Clarke College through 1992. A two-year post followed in pastoral administration at St. Mary in Algoma. In 1995, she served as a receptionist at Notre Dame of Elm Grove through 2005. She has served in numerous volunteer roles in the years since 2002, residing in prayer and presence at Notre Dame of Elm Grove. She holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in sociology, the former from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, and the latter from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She also has a Theology Institute Certificate and Counseling degree from Central Michigan University.



A memory I want to share...

I marched with Coretta Scott King in 1969 in Atlanta.

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