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Sister Mary Fides Bourgeois, SSND

Sister Mary Fides devoted her active ministry years to teaching grade school and high school students around the dioceses of Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana. Beginning in New Orleans in 1948, she taught primary grades at Little Flower of Jesus for three years. She moved to Sacred Heart of Jesus (her longest assignment at 14 years), concluding in 1965. For the next six years, she dedicated herself to the students at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Chalmette. A four-year assignment in Lake Charles took her to Our Lady Queen of Heaven in the early 1970s, followed by four years at Immaculate Conception in Marrero. Sister Mary Fides followed her vocation back to Baton Rouge in the early 1980s, serving middle school students at St. Gerard Majella. She then moved to her sole high school assignment, serving from 1986-1990 at Redeemer High in New Orleans. The 1990s through early 2000s found her at St. Louis, King of France and St. Gerard Majella once again, where she served as a special education teacher, one of her greatest loves. In 2012, Sister Mary Fides moved to Chatawa, Mississippi, to reside in prayerful presence at St. Mary of the Pines. She earned a bachelor's degree in Latin at the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1974, she graduated from Xavier University in New Orleans with a master's degree in elementary education.



A memory I want to share...

After teaching for 64 years, there are many experiences and memories. I taught grades one through nine, and my last 22 years were in special education. I enjoyed all grade levels but especially special education.

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