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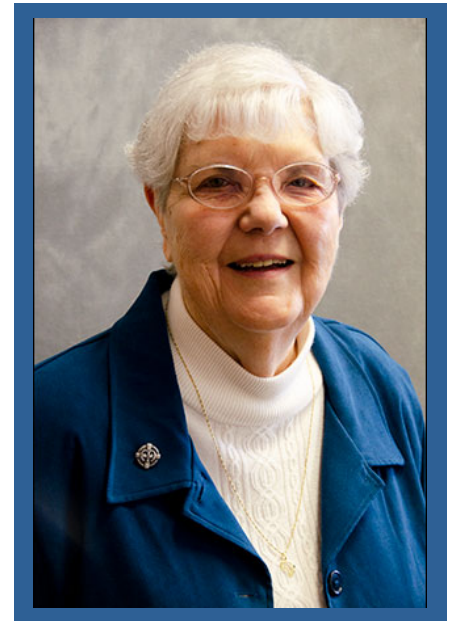
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Formerly Therese Lisieux

Sister Eleanor Ewertz, SSND

A native of St. Louis, *Sister Eleanor* Ewertz made her first profession at Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis, in 1959. Her first 15 years of ministry were devoted to teaching Catholic middle school students around Missouri's Jefferson City diocese. Those schools included: St. Peter in Jefferson City, St. George in Linn, and Immaculate Conception in Loose Creek, where Sister Eleanor also served in administration. Following a three-year assignment in administration at St. Andrew's in St. Louis, she returned to Jefferson City, Missouri, serving as diocesan superintendent of schools from 1979-1986. She followed God's call to Africa, spending the next two decades in teaching, pastoral ministries, and service to the SSND congregation. Her earliest assignments took her to Women's Teacher College, Yengema Secondary School, and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, all in Sierra Leone. She moved to Sunyani, Ghana, where she taught at Notre Dame Secondary School from 1997-2003. She then accepted posts as the SSND vocation director and postulant director, concluding those roles when she returned to the United States in 2005. Following two years in volunteer and health care ministries in St. Louis, Sister Eleanor returned to Sierra Leone, serving as a teacher at the Catholic University of Makeni through 2014. Back in the United States, she has continued in congregational services and spiritual direction in St. Louis and Jefferson City, Missouri. Currently, she resides at Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis. Sister Eleanor holds a bachelor's degree in English and Drama from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1973, she earned dual masters' degrees in Elementary Education Administration and Reading from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas.



A memory I have to share...

Spending 25 years in West Africa, taught me that people are more important than things. The people helped me see we are all one family and we are all responsible for one another. It was a privilege to live in Sierra Leone and Ghana.

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