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Formerly Mary Augustus

Sister Frances Wessel, SSND

Sister Frances Wessel was born in Bartelso, Illinois, graduated from St. Louis University in 1959, and made her first profession in St. Louis in 1959. She devoted her earliest years teaching in Catholic grade schools and high schools around the Midwest, including at Teutopolis High School in Teutopolis, Illinois. The longest of those early years was at St. Francis De Sales High School in St. Louis, where she served from 1961-1966 as a teacher. Returning in 1970 as administrator for four more years. From the mid-1970s through the next decade, Sister Frances worked in pastoral ministry, serving at the Missouri parishes of: St. Alphonsus Ligouri in St. Louis; St. George in Linn; St. Joseph the Worker in Ozark; and Holy Rosary in Monroe City. She turned to administration, serving as director of Queen of Peace Center in St. Louis from 1985-1988, when she moved to Los Angeles to work in parish council development and media communications. She returned to the Midwest in 1993, where she served around the Springfield, Missouri diocese. Sister Frances devoted four years as an administrator at The Kitchen, Inc., a homeless shelter, followed by seven years in adult religious education at St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark, Missouri. In the early 2000s, she began assisting in educational ministries, initiated and continues an online Scripture study called Bible Belt Studies, and ministries in spiritual direction and group work around Springfield, Missouri. Today, she witnesses in prayer and presence in southwest Missouri. Sister Frances earned a master's degree in history from St. Louis University, and an additional master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University in Chicago.



A memory I have to share...

SSND life offers opportunities to grow, integration of spirituality and grace. My current ministry was launched 20 years ago. Bible Belt Studies, an online course for adults, continues to be a source of grace and growth for post Vatican II laity.

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