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## Sister Joesetta Marie Spencer, SSND

*Sister Joesetta Marie Spencer was born in St. Louis and entered SSND there in 1957. Many of her ministry years were devoted to special education. Beginning in 1961, she served for a decade at St. Mary's Special School in St. Louis. A one-year assignment in Davenport, Iowa, came next, followed by three years in special education administration at Tierra del Sol Center for the Handicapped in Sunland, California. From 1975-1985, Sister Joesetta Marie served in elementary administration at All Souls in St. Louis. She turned to pastoral direction and formation, both at Our Lady of Loretto and the Growth & Integration Forum, serving in St. Louis. She moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she concluded the 2000s with six years' service at the diocesan catholic education center. In the year 2000, she began to split her time as a pastoral associate at St. Thomas More Parish (St. Luke) St. Paul, Minnesota, and as an adjunct faculty member at the College of St. Catherine, where she remained through 2009. She then devoted several years as a part-time tutor for students learning English at the East Side Learning Center, St. Paul. Since 2014, Sister Joesetta Marie has resided in prayerful presence at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato, Minnesota. She earned a bachelor's degree in speech from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. Later degrees include a master's in special education from St. Louis University, a master's in theology from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a doctorate in ministry from the University of St. Thomas, also in St. Paul, Minnesota.*



### *A memory I have to share...*

My early years of teaching were intense because of needing to be “on deck” almost all hours, yet those were some of the happiest years of my life. This includes other Sisters with whom I lived, and the working with the Priest who was in charge.

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