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*Formerly Marie Majella*

## Sister Suzanne Pescay, SSND

*Sister Suzanne Pescay was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. She entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame from Redemptorist Parish, also known as Saint Alphonsus Parish, and attended Saint Mary School. She made her first profession at Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis in 1959, and her final profession in the Dallas. An early assignment in Baton Rouge was to first grade. In 1963, she was assigned to study and work with special needs children. Sister Suzanne assisted in starting the Notre Dame of Dallas Special School in 1963-1969. She then returned to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1969-78 as teacher and administrator of special education. This included three years at the Madonna Center, located in St. Gerard school, for developmentally disabled children. Then six years as a “travelling principal” and the coordinator of the diocesan special education program. These classes were integrated into elementary and junior high schools. In 1978, Sister Suzanne was assigned as associate superintendent/director of special services in Houston, Texas. There she worked for 19 years developing classes for special needs students with learning disabilities, emotional challenges, dyslexia and autism in elementary and high schools. She also conducted teacher training on how to work with special needs children. She devoted decades of ministry for special education student services across the south. From 1997-2005, Sister Suzanne was asked to be the administrator at Chatawa, Mississippi, to serve the elderly sisters and care for the campus. In 2005, she returned to New Orleans and was manager from 2005-2011 at Malta Park, a senior citizen facility. Sister currently resides in Metairie, Louisiana, and serves as a hospitality receptionist at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home. She completed her bachelor’s degree in elementary education and history at the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1969, she earned a master’s degree in elementary/special education from Texas Woman’s University in Houston, Texas. Sister then received certification for management of senior citizen homes in 2006.*



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

After my first assignment teaching first grade, I went for my master’s in special education and worked in the field for 36 years. These years were some of the happiest in my life as I love working in education. I have been most blest as an SSND.

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