Sister Carla Marie was born in St. Louis and made her first profession there in 1970. Her earliest teaching assignments took her across Missouri and Illinois. From 1971 to 1984, she served students at five Catholic grade schools: St. Peter in Jefferson City, Missouri; St. Joseph in Farmington, Missouri; St. Francis de Sales in St. Louis; St. Anthony in Effingham, Illinois; and St. Peter in Belleville, Illinois. Moving to southeast Missouri and working in elementary school administration, Sister Carla Marie worked from 1984 to 1989 at Immaculate Conception grade school in Jackson, Missouri, followed by three years at St. Ambrose in Chaffee, Missouri. She has spent the remainder of her active ministry in Texas. She served the Diocese of Dallas as associate superintendent of Catholic schools from 1992 through 1996, followed by seven years as an education assistant for the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department. From 2003 to 2009, Sister Carla Marie served as associate superintendent and superintendent for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. She was education program coordinator at St. Peter-St. Joseph Children’s Home in San Antonio for one year. Since 2013, she has served full-time as a certified child life specialist at The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio. She holds a bachelor’s degree in American Studies from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1983, she completed a master’s degree in reading education from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

A memory I have to share...
After 40 years of ministry in formal education, it has been a privilege for me to minister to children and their families as a child life specialist. There’s nothing more sacred than accompanying a child on his/her journey back to God.