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2020 Jubilee

Sister Constance Schmidt, SSND

Sister Constance was born in Effingham, Illinois. She made her first profession in St. Louis in 1970. Her decades of teaching ministry began in Missouri in 1971, with assignments at Catholic elementary schools including; St. Aloysius in Spanish Lake; St. Peter in Jefferson City; Holy Family in Freeburg; and St. Mary in Cape Girardeau. From 1986 to 1987, Sister Constance taught at St. Anthony High School in Effingham, Illinois. Following a year of study at the Institute of Religious Formation, she served the congregation as a director of initial formation for six years. During these years, from 1987 to 1993, she also worked as Coordinator of Religious Education for Northeast County Deanery and as Volunteer Coordinator for Criminal Justice Ministry, both in St. Louis. She returned to classroom teaching from 1993 through 1999, serving Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. During some of these years, she also served as coordinator of volunteers for Holy Rosary Mission. From 1999 to 2003, she ministered in leadership as a provincial councilor in the former St. Louis Province. Returning to South Dakota, she resumed teaching and pastoral ministry as needed as parish life coordinator at Our Lady of the Sioux, Oglala; teacher at Red Cloud Indian School; and pastoral team coordinator and assistant for evangelization and formation at Holy Rosary Mission. Finishing 21 years of ministry on the Pine Ridge Reservation in June of 2018, Sister Constance then traveled to Rome, where she currently serves the SSND Generalate as secretary to the general superior. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1985, she completed a master's degree in theology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.



A memory I have to share...

I am grateful for all the people and opportunities, both in community and ministry, as a School Sister of Notre Dame. Serving 21 years on the Pine Ridge Reservation was truly a great blessing. The Lakota taught me so much!

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