

2020 Jubilee

Sister Marie Michelle Emmerich, SSND

Sister Marie Michelle was born in Effingham, Illinois. She made her first profession in 1969 in St. Louis. Her earliest ministry years were devoted to teaching, with assignments at Quincy Notre Dame High School in Quincy, Illinois, followed by a year of teaching at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis. From 1978 through 1987, Sister Michelle served as director of communications at Maria Center at Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis. She facilitated five international and cross cultural SSND meetings in Rome, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Guam, and Japan. Following several years in pastoral administration for the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois, as director of pastoral planning and vice chancellor, she served as staff to SSND Leadership for the North American Major Area (NAMA) from 1994 to 1997. She then accepted the position as principal at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, which she held through 2016. She currently is a grant writer for St. Vincent de Paul Council in East St. Louis, Illinois. Sister Michelle holds a bachelor's degree in English from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. She earned a master's degree in communication arts from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, followed by a doctoral degree in educational leadership from St. Louis University.



A memory I have to share...

All I ever wanted to do was teach and SSND opened my mind and heart to a love of learning. The sisters mentored and encouraged me in the spirit of Blessed Theresa and as her charism took root, I found my passion and loved every minute of it.

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