Sister Shelley was born in St. Louis and made her first profession there in 1970. She has devoted the majority of her active ministry years to serving as a teacher, principal and librarian. Her first teaching assignment took her to Belleville, Illinois, where she served high school students for one year at the Academy of Notre Dame. From 1972 to 1977, she taught at Aquinas High School in Fort Madison, Iowa. Sister Shelley moved to Quincy, Illinois, where she taught at Quincy Notre Dame High School through 1983. She was principal at Notre Dame High School, St. Louis from 1983 to 1997. After a sabbatical and additional training, she then moved to Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis to work at Notre Dame Preschool from 2008 to 2009, along with Ranken Technical College and the St. Louis County Library. Since 2003, Sister Shelley has served the congregation in St. Louis as a part-time librarian and media specialist. She lives in prayerful presence at an SSND residence. She holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in English, earned from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, respectively.

A memory I have to share...
I had the privilege of being principal of Notre Dame High School in St. Louis. As I journeyed through the years, I felt the power of the Holy Spirit and Blessed Theresa in working with faculty and staff to share the immanent presence of God.

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