Sister Adaire was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. She made her first profession in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1960. She taught for 13 years at schools in Minnesota. Those assignments included: Crucifixion, La Crescent, 1961 to 1962; St. Felix, Wabasha, 1962 to 1966; Holy Rosary, North Mankato, 1966 to 1969; Fitzgerald Middle School, Mankato, 1969 to 1973 and one year at St. Paul’s Project Discovery. Sister Adaire then went to New Hope, Minnesota, where she served in pastoral ministry at St. Joseph for nine years. She continued in a similar role at Our Lady of Grace in Edina, Minnesota, through 1986. She then accepted a role as a program specialist for Catholic Charities, a ministry to which she devoted the next 30 years. Since 2016, she has served part-time as a funeral service coordinator for the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries. She also holds several volunteer roles in the St. Paul area, as well as serving SSND on boards and committees. Sister Adaire earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee. She holds two masters’ degrees, one in Education Counseling and Guidance from Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa; the second in counseling (psychology) from St. Mary’s University, Minneapolis.

A memory I have to share...
My classroom experiences, being a pastoral minister and my 30 years serving separated and divorced persons has been fulfilling and worthwhile. I have had the privilege to enter people’s lives at such vulnerable times. I am blessed.