Sister Helen Marie was born in Michigan City, Indiana. She made her first profession at Notre Dame of the Lake, Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1960. She has devoted decades of active ministry to meeting the congregation’s communications and printing needs. From 1961 through 1983, Sister Helen Marie ministered in the printery at Notre Dame of the Lake in Mequon, Wisconsin. She relocated to Marshall Street in Milwaukee when the motherhouse and printery were moved there and then in 1997 served as director of printing at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin with the re-location of the former provincial offices to Notre Dame of Elm Grove until the printery was closed in 2011. Sister Helen Marie continues to volunteer her time while residing in prayerful presence at an SSND residence in Milwaukee. She earned a bachelor’s degree in religious studies from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee. She used this education to serve junior and senior high school youth in several parishes in the area for 25 years.

A memory I have to share...
For 50 years, I served as a printer. In 2007, I received a note: “I have never gone into the Printing Department without ‘first class’ assistance even when busy. I appreciate you because of your calm demeanor and love for each individual person.”