Sister Joanne was born in Milwaukee and made her first profession at Notre Dame of the Lake in Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1960. Her first teaching assignment, from 1962 to 1965, took her to St. Luke’s Grade School in Brookfield, Wisconsin. She then relocated to Appleton, in the Diocese of Green Bay, where she taught students at Sacred Heart through 1968. Sister Joanne was invited by SSND to pursue a master’s degree in anthropology at St. Louis University and began teaching at Mount Mary College (now University) in 1970. From 1974 through 1979, she continued studies for a doctorate at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis with a year of fieldwork in Guam. She then returned to Mount Mary where she taught as a full-time professor until the fall of 2019 when she became a tutor in Mount Mary University’s Student Success Center. Sister Joanne earned her bachelor’s degree in English from Mount Mary College (now University).

A memory I have to share...
Through all 60 years, I have been invited by SSND to enlarge my perspective -- to grow through community living, ministry assignments and encouragement to keep mind/heart open. I am grateful.

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