

2020 Jubilee

Sister Johnette Marie Waguespack, SSND

Sister Johnette Marie was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She made her first profession in 1960 in St. Louis. She dedicated the great majority of her ministry decades to teaching Catholic grade school students across the South. From 1962 to 1966, Sister Johnette Marie taught at Holy Rosary in Houma, Louisiana. She served for four years at St. Therese in Jackson, Mississippi, then devoted the next decade as a teacher and administrator at St. Gerard Majella in San Antonio. From 1980-1984, she taught at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Houston, followed by her final teaching assignment at St. Peter in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, which she concluded in 1998. She served the congregation as a driver from 1998 to 2001 at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi. From 2001 through 2018 Sister Johnette Marie served as full-time coordinator of transportation for the congregation there. In 2019, Sister Johnette Marie transitioned to St. Anthony's Gardens in Covington, Louisiana. She holds a bachelor's degree in American studies from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1975, she earned a master's degree in early childhood education from Xavier University in New Orleans.



A memory I have to share...

I am grateful to Sister Meurer. Not knowing what to do with first graders, she sent me to an excellent first grade teacher. After three days observing, I came back, knew what to do, and taught first and second grade for 36 years.

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