

2020 Jubilee

Sister Laurette Haberberger, SSND

Sister Laurette was born in Granite City, Illinois. She made her first profession in St. Louis in 1960. Her earliest teaching assignments were around St. Louis, where she taught from 1962 through 1972 at St. William and St. Joseph in East St. Louis, Illinois, and St. Martin of Tours. From 1973 to 1977, Sister Laurette served in El Progreso, Honduras, in high school administration at Instituto Notre Dame. Back in the United States, she devoted the next five years in a similar role at Santa Isabel elementary school in Los Angeles. She spent another 12 years in California, in teaching and administration at Anton M. Slomsek Elementary in Etiwanda, St. Hilary School in Pico Rivera and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Indio. Moving back near her hometown, Sister Laurette accepted a new role as school secretary, serving at St. Louis' St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Raphael, and Queen of Peace in Belleville, Illinois. These ministries concluded in 2008. She worked at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton, Missouri, through 2010, where she served the congregation as a driver. Relocating to a local SSND residence, she continued to minister across St. Louis. Since 2016, she has devoted herself in prayerful presence at The Sarah Community's Veronica House in Bridgeton, Missouri. Sister Laurette holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1973, she earned a master's degree in elementary education from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.



A memory I have to share...

The call to ministry comes in surprising and unsuspecting ways: in the summers of 1965-67, I went to California to prepare young students for First Communion. In the parish, I gave solace to a grieving family seeking a blessing before a burial.

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