Sister Dolorette was born in Corpus Christi, Texas. She made her first profession in 1960 in St. Louis and spent her first ministry year as an elementary teacher at Holy Angels in East St. Louis, Illinois. From 1962 to 1970, Sister Dolorette taught religious education at St. James in Coolidge, Arizona, in the Diocese of Tucson. Throughout the next decade, she served in pastoral ministry at San Jose Parish in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as well as associate director of Schools of Religion for the Diocese of Albuquerque, from 1979-1981. Sister Dolorette accepted a role in provincial leadership, serving as councilor for the former Dallas province in Irving, Texas, from 1981 through 1985. She returned to pastoral ministries and administration in Brownsville, Texas, holding a variety of roles through 1995. She followed her call to Phoenix, ministering from 1996 to 2003 as executive director of formation and education for the diocese. Moving back to Texas, she served through 2011 as parish and mission life coordinator at Holy Ghost in Houston, followed by three years in spiritual direction at Amarillo’s Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center. Since 2017, Sister Dolorette has served as an adjunct professor at Tepeyac Institute in El Paso, Texas. She earned a bachelor’s degree in Spanish from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, followed by a master’s degree in theology from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio. In 1993, she was awarded a doctoral degree in ministry from Loyola University in New Orleans.

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