Sister Joel Patrice was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin. She made her first profession at Notre Dame of the Lake, Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1960. Her decades of ministry have been devoted to education, special education and administration. Her first teaching assignments from 1961 through 1970 took her to three schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee: Holy Name in Sheboygan, Wisconsin; St. John Vianney in Brookfield, Wisconsin; and St. Mary in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Sister Joel Patrice spent several years in special education at Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover, Massachusetts, returning to Wisconsin in 1974 for a three-year assignment at St. Paul in Bloomer. She served as a teacher and administrator at Notre Dame of Dallas Special School from 1977 to 1982, followed by a similar role at Sacred Heart Center in Charleston, West Virginia. She then served as the center’s director, completing the ministry in 2014. Since then, Sister resides in Port Washington, Wisconsin and volunteers her services to various organizations and the parish church and school. Sister Joel Patrice earned a bachelor of philosophy degree in history from Mount Mary College (now University) and a master’s degree in special education from Cardinal Stritch University, both in Milwaukee.

A memory I have to share...
Incredible joy once my final vows were taken! A lifetime dream accomplished! I have gratitude towards my community for education enabling me to teach and enjoy the children I taught over the years.