

2020 Jubilee

Sister Anita Marie Lischwe, SSND

Sister Anita Marie was born near Jefferson City, Missouri. She professed first vows in St. Louis in 1950. She dedicated many years as a classroom teacher with a later ministry as a licensed practical nurse. From 1950 through 1972, Sister Anita Marie taught primary grades at nine Catholic schools across Missouri and Illinois. The Missouri schools included St. Francis Borgia in Washington, St. Joseph in Apple Creek, St. Boniface in Koelztown near Jefferson City, St. Joseph in Westphalia, Immaculate Heart of Mary in St. Louis, and Holy Family in Freeburg. In Illinois, she served at St. Anthony in Quincy, St. Agatha in New Athens, and St. Michael in Radom. In 1972, Sister Anna Marie undertook a new ministry as a nurse's aide at the School Sisters of Notre Dame's Villa Gesu retirement home in St. Louis. After earning her Licesed Practical Nurse (LPN) license, she continued ministering there through the early 2000s. From 1999 to 2015, she served as a volunteer at The Sarah Community's Anna House and Holy Angels Apartments in Bridgeton, Missouri. She now devotes her days to prayerful presences at The Sarah Community's Veronica House, also in Bridgeton. Sister Anita Marie holds a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. In 1970, she completed a master's degree in elementary administration from St. Louis University.



A memory I have to share...

During the years I worked at Villa Gesu, I tried to visit the cemetery daily. In time, the sisters were moved to The Sarah Community and the deceased to Resurrection Cemetery. On my visits there, I felt a warm welcome.

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