

## 2020 Jubilee

### Sister Therese Mary Rebstock, SSND

Sister Therese Mary was born in Carmi, Illinois. She professed first vows in St. Louis in 1950. Her decades of ministry include the varied roles of teacher, administrator, professor, researcher and lecturer. Beginning in 1950, her first decade as a grade school teacher took her to; St. Mary in Eldorado, Illinois; Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Indio, California; Holy Ghost in St. Louis; St. Martin in Jefferson City, Missouri; St. Augustine in Breese, Illinois, and St. James in Coolidge, Arizona. Following interim assignments back home at Our Lady of Loretto and St. Luke, Sister Therese Mary studied in Japan for one year. From 1966 through 1974, she served in Belleville, Illinois, and St. Louis, including three years as associate superintendent of education for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She followed her mission to Japan, serving from 1974 to 1990 as a professor at Nanzan University in Nagoya and Notre Dame Women's College in Kyoto.



Back in the United States, she continued teaching at the college level, serving the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota; Oakland City University in Oakland City, Indiana, and St. Meinrad College in St. Meinrad, Indiana. During this same period, Sister Therese Mary worked as director of religious education at St. Joseph parish in Jasper, Indiana. In the early 2000s, she undertook a five-year assignment completing historical research for the former St. Louis province, a work that continued, while she taught and lectured across the United States. She continued to assist in research ministry as she resided in Jasper, Indiana, beginning in 2010. Since 2016, she has devoted herself in the ministry of prayerful presence at The Sarah Community's Veronica House in Bridgeton, Missouri. Sister Therese Mary earned a bachelor's degree in English, from the former Notre Dame College and a master's degree in English from St. Louis University. In 1990, she completed a doctorate in education at Walden University in Minneapolis.

#### **A memory I have to share...**

In 2016, I came to Veronica House for surgery. The challenges, adjustments and understanding brought revelations and blessings in acceptance of my latest assignment! Sure gives new meaning for life yet remaining!

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