

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 40

First Profession—8/1/1981

Sister Debra Marie Sciano, SSND

Sister Debra Marie is a native of Milwaukee and made her first profession in Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1981. Instead of pursuing a degree in education, Sister Debra Marie was drawn to law, receiving a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Beginning in 1982, she became a community organizer for South Community Organization, located in Milwaukee. In 1984, she moved to Florida where she attended St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, graduating in 1988 with a doctorate in law. After law school, Sister Debra Marie returned to Milwaukee where she was named assistant district attorney for the county. She first served the Child Support Enforcement Division in family court and then transferred to the Children's Court Center. She served in the district attorney's office until 2001 when she was called to serve as a provincial councilor for the former Milwaukee province. She was later named provincial leader and served in that position until 2011. After her time as provincial leader, Sister Debra Marie returned to law, earning certification in family mediation from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. From 2013 to 2019, she served as a lawyer and family mediator in her own practice and in conjunction with the Family Mediation Center, Milwaukee. Sister Debra Marie is currently serving a four-year term as provincial leader of the SSND Central Pacific Province.



A memory I have to share...

In meeting with our sisters, associates and mission partners from all over the congregation, the instant connection that happens between us both encourages and challenges me to bring all to that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent, especially during these very trying times.

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