

# 2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 50

*First Profession—1/1/1971*

## Sister Barbara Brunsmann, SSND

*Sister Barbara was born in East St. Louis, Illinois, and made first profession in St. Louis in 1971. She graduated in 1972 from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, with a bachelor's degree in social studies. That same year, Sister Barbara began her first teaching ministry at St. Philip's Elementary, East St. Louis. In 1974, she was missioned to St. Rita's in San Diego. She returned to Missouri in 1975 and taught one year at St. Francis Borgia in Washington. In 1977, Sister Barbara began ministering at St. Mary's Special School and St. Joseph's Vocational Center; she taught at St. Joseph's for four years while also managing a dormitory of boys. She continued managing the dormitory and also worked with Special Olympics until 1993. In 1994, Sister Barbara began ministry at Kabala Secondary School in Sierra Leone. Due to civil war, she and other sisters fled Sierra Leone in 1995. Starting in December 1995, she began teaching English and physical education at Notre Dame Secondary School, Sunyani, Ghana, returning to the United States in November 1999. Since 2001, Sister Barbara has been teaching physical education at Ste. Genevieve du Bois, St. Louis.*



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

I believe it is the presence and support of my sisters in community that is the strongest in my memory. Wherever I go, whether the special school, Ghana or here at Ripa, I feel accepted, loved and at home.

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