

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 50

First Profession—1/1/1971

Sister Charlene Zeisset, SSND

Sister Charlene was born in Highland, Illinois, and in 1971, made first profession in St. Louis. In 1972, she received a bachelor's degree in biology from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, and began teaching at St. Francis Borgia in Washington, Missouri. After serving at St. Francis Borgia for five years, she taught for one year at Rosary High School, St. Louis, and for two years at Notre Dame High School, Burlington, Iowa. In 1980, at the request of leadership, Sister Charlene was accepted to the physician assistant program at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., receiving a bachelor's degree in 1982. After becoming certified, she served as a physician's assistant at Villa Gesu and Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis, from 1982 to 1984. At leadership's request, she attended St. Louis University, St. Louis, graduating magna cum laude with a doctorate in medicine in 1988. She completed her internal medicine residency at St. Mary Hospital, St. Louis, in 1991. From 1991-2000, she belonged to several physician groups in North St. Louis County and cared for sisters at Villa Gesu with admitting privileges to Christian Northeast Hospital. Sister Charlene worked as a hospitalist at Christian Northeast from 2001-2002, and Mercy Hospital from 2002-2003. Along with two other female physicians, she had her own private medical practice from 2003 to 2009 in North St. Louis County, with admitting privileges at Christian Northeast and DePaul Hospitals. Sister Charlene still utilized her teaching gifts by tutoring part time at the Notre Dame Tutorial Center, St. Louis. In 2010, at the request of leadership, Sister Charlene became the SSND representative to the Nun Study, and to the Religious Orders Study, and is currently still active in the two studies. Sister Charlene resides in Florissant, Missouri, with one other sister and serves on a number of province committees.



A memory I have to share...

I am so grateful to have been blessed with the call from SSND to weave teaching and medicine in my ministries. I treasure all I have received from my students and my patients.

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