

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 50

First Profession—8/1/1971

Sister Mary Ellen Theriot, SSND

Sister Mary Ellen is originally from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and in 1971, made first profession in Dallas. In 1973, she received a bachelor's degree in French from the University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, and began her ministry as a secondary teacher at Redemptorist High School in New Orleans. After serving at Redemptorist for six years, she moved to San Antonio where she served as a secondary teacher at St. Gerard Regional High School. During this time, she received a master's degree in theological studies from St. Louis University. She then went to Houston where from 1982 to 1985, she was the assistant director for senior programs at El Centro. She taught at St. Thomas High School, Houston, from 1985 to 1987, before moving to Meraux, Louisiana, where she taught for three years at Archbishop Hannan High School. In 1990, Sister Mary Ellen went to Alexandria, Louisiana, where she taught at Holy Savior Menard Central High School until 1995, and then served as the school's administrator until 1996. She taught one year at Tioga High School in Pineville, Louisiana, and from 1997 to 2003, served as director of religious education for the Catholic school system in Alexandria. She next went to St. Louis, Glenmora, Louisiana, where she served as parish life coordinator for three years. In 2006, Sister Mary Ellen went to St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi, where she was a local leader and community coordinator until 2011. After a sabbatical, she served the former Progressive Education Program, New Iberia, Louisiana, first as a math teacher and later as a computer teacher, until 2018. She then became an adjunct instructor of adult education for South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette, Louisiana, where she served until early 2020. She currently serves in community at the School Sisters of Notre Dame residence in New Iberia, Louisiana.



A memory I have to share...

I remember with great joy the celebration of my final vows in New Orleans, Louisiana. My students from Redemptorist High School made up the choir and future opera star, Anthony Lacciura, sang. My whole family was gathered and many SSND were there. It felt like grace upon grace.

**Join us in celebrating our Jubilarian sisters.
Click the buttons below to:**



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province