

# 2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 60

*First Profession—7/31/1961*

## Sister Luanne Boland, SSND

Sister Luanne was born in St. Louis and made her first profession there in 1961. In 1963, she received a bachelor's degree in English from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis. She began her ministry that same year as a special education teacher at St. Mary's Special School, St. Louis. In 1969, she received a master's degree in special education from St. Louis University and then became administrator at St. Mary's in 1970. In 1976, she became a special education administrator for the Archdiocese of St. Louis where she remained until 1985. From 1985 to 1991, she served as a special education administrator for Job Experiences for Special Students, St. Louis. In addition to her administrator work, Sister Luanne served as a part-time childcare worker for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Group Home, St. Louis. After substitute teaching for the St. Louis Archdiocese, Sister Luanne went to Sierra Leone in 1992 where she taught at Yengema Secondary School, Yengema, and Port Loko Catholic Secondary School, Port Loko. When war broke out in 1995, Sister Luanne fled the country and spent time at the Generalate in Rome before returning to Africa later that year, teaching at St. Theresa's Girls' Secondary School, Kisii, Kenya, until 1996. After returning to the United States, Sister Luanne served as director of development for the SSND Resource Development Office, St. Louis, and as coordinator of donor relations for the former St. Louis province. She then served at the Office of Special Education, St. Louis, first as a program director assistant from 2007 to 2009, and then as director of special education schools and learning centers from 2009 to 2016. Currently, she is coordinating transportation for sisters at The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri.



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

During my college years, a visit to St. Mary's Special School convinced me that I wanted to teach God's children with special needs. This was my first assignment, and it led me to 36 HAPPY years in special education.

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