

# 2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 60

*First Profession—7/31/1961*

*Formerly Michael de Deo*

## Sister Marlene Buese, SSND

Sister Marlene is originally from East St. Louis, Illinois, and in 1961, made first profession in St. Louis. In 1963, she received a bachelor's degree in biology from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, and began her ministry teaching at Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Louis. After teaching there for two years, she taught at Althoff Catholic High School, Belleville, Illinois, for one year. In 1966, she returned to Missouri, teaching at St. Joseph High School, Farmington; Rosary High School, St. Louis; and Duchesne High School, St. Charles. In 1974, she received a master's degree in biology from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas. Beginning in 1982, Sister Marlene served in pastoral ministry and as director of religious education for St. Rose, Metropolis, Illinois, and for St. Paul, Vienna, Illinois. In 1985, she received a second master's degree in theology from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, Rockport, Indiana. Sister Marlene served in pastoral ministry at St. Joseph, Palmyra, Missouri, from 1994 to 2005, and then as director of religious education from 2005 to 2008 at St. Mary, Centralia, Illinois. From 2008 to 2009, she served as a pastoral associate at St. Joseph, Farmington, Missouri, and returned to the classroom in 2010, as a teacher assistant at Farmington Public School. Since 2011, she has been the director of religious education at St. Lawrence in Sandoval, Illinois.



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

My life as SSND had two parts. Math and science teacher and a minister in rural parishes. Both students and the folks in the parishes taught me how God loves His people. I am so grateful for my SSND life.

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