

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 60

First Profession—7/17/1961

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Sister Rose Ann Ficker, SSND

Sister Rose Ann was born in New Trier, Minnesota, and made first profession in 1961, in Mankato, Minnesota. In 1963, she received a bachelor's degree in history and education from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She taught in Minnesota schools during the early years of her ministry, including St. Adalbert, Silver Lake; St. John the Baptist, Searles; St. Dominic, Northfield; St. Agnes High School, St. Paul; and the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato. Beginning in 1972, she spent one year teaching at Marycliff High School in Spokane, Washington, and then spent the next seven years teaching and serving as director of residence, first at the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel and then two years at St. Mary, New England, North Dakota, returning to Our Lady of Good Counsel. She received a master's degree in sociology from Marquette University, Milwaukee, in 1979. Starting in the fall of 1979, she taught at Columbus High School, Waterloo, Iowa, and then went to San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala, serving as the administrator of the Casa Feliz San Lucas Orphanage. After spending four years in Guatemala, Sister Rose Ann returned to Minnesota and served in Hispanic ministry at St. Mary, Madelia, and St. James, St. James. In 1992, she became the coordinator for the ministry of Hispanics for the Diocese of Winona, Minnesota. She remained there for eight years and then served in pastoral ministry to the Hispanic community at Sacred Heart, Owatonna, Minnesota. In 2001, Sister Rose Ann went to St. Louis where she served for one year as the director of Hispanic ministry at St. Francis De Sales. Since 2003, she has been serving as director of Hispanic ministry at Holy Trinity, St. Ann, Missouri. She now serves as spiritual director to Hispanics and resource person in Hispanic ministry to the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



A memory I have to share...

During my front-line experience serving in wartime Guatemala, I witnessed brutality and forgiveness by those so cruelly treated. Ministering for 30-plus years to Hispanics in Minnesota and Missouri, I felt their palpable faith, always grateful that SSND supported me lovingly; allowing my presence to our suffering families.

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