

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 70

First Profession—8/2/1951

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Sister LaVerne Kleinheider, SSND

Sister LaVerne was born in Washington, Missouri, and in 1951, made first profession in St. Louis. Her ministry began in Illinois, teaching at St. Joseph, East St. Louis, from 1951 to 1954, and at St. Peter, Belleville, from 1954 to 1965. She returned to Missouri, teaching at St. Mary in Cape Girardeau. In 1968, she received a bachelor's degree in sociology from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis. After teaching at St. Mary, Sister LaVerne went to Holy Angels, East St. Louis, where she taught until 1973. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, she taught in Missouri schools, including St. Martin de Porres, Hazelwood; St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles; St. Joseph, Kimmswick; and St. Clare, St. Clair. During this time, she also engaged in community service at Villa Gesu and at Sancta Maria in Ripa, both in St. Louis. From 1988 to 2007, she sewed for the Liturgical Fabric Arts ministry, and continued in community service from 2004 to 2011. Sister LaVerne currently serves in prayer and presence at Veronica House at The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri.



A memory I have to share...

After teaching for 35 years, I was given the opportunity to help sew in the Liturgical Fabric Arts department. This was something I had wanted to do for a very long time. I loved it. My joy was that for 19 years, I was helping to decorate the Lord's house.

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