

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 70

First Profession—8/2/1951

Sister M. Charles Ann Crowder, SSND

Sister Charles Ann was born in Washington, Missouri, and made first profession in 1951 in St. Louis. That same year, she began her ministry at St. Gerard School, San Antonio, teaching elementary students for six years. In 1957, she received a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, and in that same year, began teaching at St. Paul High School, Highland, Illinois, where she remained for two years. Responding to a community appeal for nurses, Sister Charles Ann was assigned to study at St. Mary's Hospital School of Practical Nursing, St. Louis, and in 1960, began her nursing ministry at Villa Gesu, St. Louis. From 1964 to 1967, she studied at DePaul Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, and continued her ministry at Villa Gesu until 1972. Sister Charles Ann then began a missionary assignment in Honduras where she ministered at Clinica Las Mercedes, El Progreso, for nearly 10 years. During that time, she also served in pastoral care for one year at St. Rose of Lima, Guaimaca. In the early 1980s, Sister Charles Ann returned to nursing at Villa Gesu while caring for family members. In the 1990s, she ministered at Grand Manor and St. Agnes Nursing Home, both in St. Louis; at the SSND Health Care Center, Chatawa, Mississippi; and again at Villa Gesu until it closed in 1999. After this, Sister Charles Ann served as a volunteer at Anna and Veronica House at The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri. She currently resides at Veronica House in prayer and presence.



A memory I have to share...

In 1985, I attended the beatification of Mother Mary Theresa Gerhardinger in Rome. On the eve of the beatification, our international group at the Generalate renewed our vows. We visited Germany – the notable places in the life of Mother Theresa.

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