

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 70

First Profession—8/2/1951

Sister Mary Damian Tucker, SSND

Sister Mary Damian was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and made first profession in 1951, in St. Louis. She began her ministry that same year, teaching at Sacred Heart of Jesus, New Orleans, until 1957. She then taught at Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chalmette, Louisiana, for seven years. In 1964, she received a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis. After receiving her degree, she served as administrator at St. Isidore, Baker, Louisiana, and St. Pius X, Baton Rouge. In 1970, Sister Mary Damian went to Immaculate Conception in Marrero, Louisiana, to serve as administrator and while serving there, she received a master's degree in elementary education administration from Xavier University, New Orleans. She served at Immaculate Conception until 1977, and then returned to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chalmette, Louisiana, to serve as administrator. After a sabbatical and engaging in community service at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi, Sister Mary Damian went to Dallas where she was a special education teacher at Notre Dame School of Dallas. She taught at the school for three years and then served in a variety of leadership positions at the Association for Independent Living, Dallas, from 1985 to 1993. From 1993 to 2001, Sister Mary Damian was the special needs facility administrator for Storey Lane Residence, Dallas. She returned to St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi, in 2001, and served as coordinator of community development at the campus. Beginning in 2007, she was a pastoral minister at Malta Park, New Orleans, serving until 2011, and then ministered to the homebound for The Pontchartrain and Gate House, New Orleans, from 2011 to 2018. Currently, Sister Mary Damian serves in prayer and presence at St. Anthony's Gardens, Covington, Louisiana.



A memory I have to share...

Some of my happiest years were spent as the administrator of both the Association for Independent Living and Story Land Residence. Enabling special needs adults with cognitive disabilities to become independent and contributing citizens within a loving community has been a real joy!

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