

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 70

First Profession—7/30/1951

Sister Michael Marie Laux, SSND

Sister Michael Marie was born in Menasha, Wisconsin, and in 1949, began her ministry teaching primary grades at All Saints in Chicago. After serving at All Saints for one year, she returned to Wisconsin, teaching at Holy Trinity in Milwaukee. While she served at Holy Trinity, she made first profession in 1951. She remained at Holy Trinity until 1954, and then taught in two more Wisconsin schools: Holy Name, Sheboygan, and Columbus High School, Marshfield. She received a bachelor's degree in English from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in 1962. In 1963, Sister Michael Marie went to Guam, teaching at San Vicente Catholic School, Barrigada, until 1966. She went on to teach at St. Francis Catholic School, Yona, from 1966 to 1968, and Notre Dame High School, Talofolo, from 1968 to 1971. She received a master's degree in counseling and guidance from the University of Guam in 1971. She returned to Wisconsin to teach at St. Mary, Burlington, for one year before going back to Guam, teaching again at St. Francis High School and Notre Dame High School from 1972 to 1975. Beginning in 1975, Sister Michael Marie taught at Lourdes High School, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for six years. She then spent the next seven years in Alaska, serving as religious education coordinator at St. Ignatius, Alakanuk, and Sacred Heart, Emmonak. After a sabbatical, Sister Michael Marie came back to Milwaukee where she tutored at Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services. She then ventured overseas again, traveling to Kenya in 1989. She taught for the Diocese of Kisumu; St. Theresa's Girls' Secondary School, Kisii and Kiptere, where she was also administrator; O.L. Victory Nyambara Secondary School, Kisii; and St. Paul Teacher Training College, Kisii. She returned to Milwaukee in 2005 and volunteered at a Kenosha, Wisconsin, prison until 2009 and served in the Students Resource Center at Mount Mary University for 15 years. Sister Michael Marie is currently resides in prayer and presence at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin.



A memory I have to share...

In 1960, anyone willing to go to the missions was to send in a 3 x 5 card. My superior told me if I sent it, I would go. I sent it – I went to Guam, Alaska, and Kenya.

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