

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 70

First Profession—8/2/1951

Formerly Helen Robert

Sister Patricia Wamser, SSND

Sister Patricia was born in St. Louis and made first profession there in 1951. She began her ministry that same year, teaching at St. Barbara, St. Louis, for 10 years. During this time, she received a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis. During the 1960s, Sister Patricia taught at Sacred Heart of Jesus, New Orleans, and earned a master's degree in secondary education from St. Louis University, St. Louis. From 1969 to 1972, she taught at St. Gerard Majella, Baton Rouge, and then was a member of the secretarial staff at Redemptorist High School, New Orleans, until 1974. From the mid-1970s to the late 1980s, she was in Texas, serving as an administrative assistant at the University of Dallas, Irving; a teacher's aide at Marilac Social Center, Dallas; and as a member of the special needs facility staff at the Crisis Center for Children, Houston. She returned to New Orleans in 1987 to serve as program director at Incarnate Word Day Care Center. In 1988, she became the director of the learning center for the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana, and later was a member of the diocese's secretarial staff. From 1996 to 1997, she tested sisters in Milwaukee as part of the Nun Study. She returned to Texas in 1997, where she served as a member of the parish staff at St. Gerard Majella, San Antonio, until 2002. From 2004 to 2006, she served as a member of the secretarial staff at Holy Ghost School, Houston. She served the former Dallas province from 2006 to 2008, in volunteer ministry and as hospitality coordinator. From 2008 to 2013, Sister Patricia served as minister of hospitality and a driver at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi, and is currently engaged in community service and volunteer ministry at St. Anthony's Gardens, Covington, Louisiana.



A memory I have to share...

Brooklyn, a 3-year-old homeless, abused child, taught me the importance of little things. She said, "Sister Pat sings my song and scratches my back," and she fell asleep in my arms after two weeks on the streets.

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