



2022 Jubilee

Sister Gilda Bruce, SSND

First Profession - June 11, 1972 | Celebrating 50 Years



Sister Gilda Bruce was born in Eldorado, Illinois, and in 1972 made first profession in St. Louis. She received a bachelor's degree in American studies from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis in 1973. She spent the first 21 years of her ministry in the classroom, teaching at St. George, Linn, Missouri; St. Louis, Nokomis, Illinois; St. Paul, Highland, Illinois; St. Philip, East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Michael, St. Louis; and Church of the Magdalen, St. Louis. In 1991 the direction of her ministry changed when she began training as a massage therapist. After receiving certification, Sister Gilda ministered as a massage therapist through her own private practice in St. Louis and at St. Joseph Hospital, Kirkwood, Missouri, and St. Mary Hospital, St. Louis. In 1996 she moved to California where she continues her ministry of massage therapy. She has been a therapist at the Cordelia Knott Center for Wellness and at Heartland Hospice, both in Orange, California. Currently, Sister Gilda has a massage therapy private practice, providing services for the Carondelet Sisters of St. Joseph retirement communities in Orange and Los Angeles; at St. Joseph Health Systems Hospice, Orange County; and in retreat settings. She is also a co-coordinator for School Sisters of Notre Dame associates in California and Arizona.

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A memory I have to share...

There are many memories of gratitude. I am blessed to be in community with strong women of faith and vision. Many have loved and challenged me to be the person I am these 50 years. It continues to be amazing!

