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Central Pacific Province

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Sister Bernita Wasinger, SSND

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A memory I have to share...

I have enjoyed all my ministries. I especially enjoy my “retirement” ministry – visiting and bringing Communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. I minister in the morning and “retire” in the afternoon. God has blessed me.

Sister Bernita Wasinger was born in Victoria, Kansas, and in 1952 professed first vows in St. Louis. Her ministry began that same year when she went to teach at St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Louis. She taught at St. Gabriel the Archangel for one year, studied for one year and then went to Sacred Heart, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where she taught for three years. Beginning in 1957 she taught for four years at St. Dominic Savio, St. Louis. While she was at St. Dominic Savio, she received a bachelor’s degree in theology from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis. From 1961 to 1966 Sister Bernita was a teacher at Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Louis and from 1966 to 1977 was a teacher and administrator at St. Michael, Shrewsbury, Missouri. During this time she received a master’s degree in elementary education administration from St. Louis University, St. Louis. She was coordinator of religious education for three years at Immaculate Conception, Maplewood, Missouri, and teacher for one year at St. Aloysius, Spanish Lake, Missouri. During the 1980s Sister Bernita served in pastoral ministry at St. Joseph, Marion, Illinois, and as administrator at St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles, Missouri. From 1988 to 2016

Sister Bernita served as pastoral minister at St. Martin, Jefferson City, and currently ministers to the elderly at St. George, Linn, Missouri; Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek, Missouri; St. Joseph, Westphalia, Missouri; and three mission parishes as needed.

