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Central Pacific Province

2022 Jubilee

Sister MarieClare Powell, SSND

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A memory I have to share...

I look back on the legion of learners I've met across multiple years and several continents. As my learners and I grappled with languages and with nature's language, I hope we more nearly approached the word who is the author of nature's laws.



Sister MarieClare Powell was born in Cairo, Illinois, and in 1947 made first profession in St. Louis. She began her ministry that same year, teaching at St. Joseph, Conway, Arkansas. In 1951 she went to Redemptorist High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she taught for two years. In 1953 she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Central Arkansas, Conway then taught at St. Anthony High School, Effingham, Illinois, for two years. She returned to teach for one year at St. Joseph High School, Conway. From 1956 to 1961 Sister MarieClare taught at Aquinas High School, Fort Madison, Iowa. She returned to Louisiana in 1961, teaching at Immaculata High School, Marrero. In 1962 she earned a master's degree in physics from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. Beginning in 1965 she was administrator at Redemptorist High School, New Orleans. From 1971 to 1991 Sister MarieClare was special projects director for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. In 1991 she served as an English teacher to secondary level students and as a post-secondary telecommunications instructor at Svetits Gymnasium in Debrecen, Hungary. On returning to the United States in 1999 she researched approaches to Catholic television production in New Orleans. She taught English to young Vietnamese religious from 2001 to 2003, first in Louisiana, then in Vietnam. She returned to minister at the former St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi, engaging in education, information and communication technology; grant procurement; and community service. Since 2019 Sister MarieClare is involved in special projects and resides at St. Anthony's Gardens, Covington, Louisiana.