

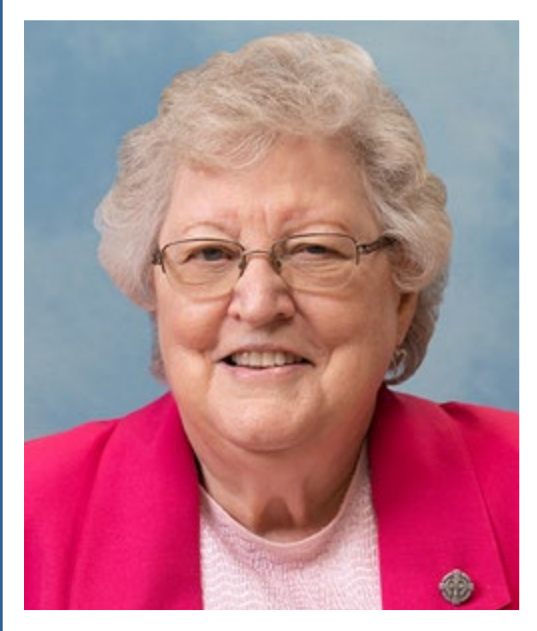


School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

2023 Jubilee

Sister Dana Marie Heffner, SSND

First Profession - August 2, 1963 | Celebrating 60 Years



Sister Dana Marie Heffner was born in Houma, Louisiana, and in 1963, she made first profession in St. Louis. In 1965, she received a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. Early in her ministry, she taught one year at St. Alphonsus in McComb, Mississippi, and three years at Immaculate Conception in Marrero, Louisiana. In 1969, Sister Dana Marie began teaching at Thomas K. Gorman High School in Tyler, Texas. She received a master's degree in guidance counseling from North Texas State University, Denton, Texas. She remained in Tyler, Texas, until 1975, and then served as a junior high counselor at Redemptorist Junior High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from 1975 to 1980. During the early 1980s, Sister Dana Marie was a member of the formation team and director of initial formation for the School Sisters of Notre Dame former Dallas Province. For the remainder of the decade, she served as a campus minister at North Lake College and a social worker for Irving Aid, both located in Irving, Texas. Beginning in 1989, she became an administrator with Grand Prairie United Charities, Grand Prairie, Texas. She served in this capacity for five years before becoming provincial council leader for the School Sisters of Notre Dame former Dallas Province, serving for eight years.

During the 2000s and early 2010s, Sister Dana Marie was the director of the senior citizen program at Brady Center and Marillac Social Center, both located in Dallas. From 2013 to 2020, she was the administrator at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi. Sister Dana Marie currently serves as area coordinator for the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province associate program in Dallas.

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A memory I have to share...

I am extremely grateful for the years I was privileged to be in several ministries that widened my beliefs and service to a wonderful variety of people.

