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Central Pacific Province

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Sister M. Laretta Rose Koscielniak, SSND

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A memory I have to share...

I cannot fully express how amazing life as a SSND has been. I never considered entering religious life until after graduation from community college and teaching for four years. I could not have imagined how awesome the journey would be.

Sister M. Laretta Rose Koscielniak is a native of Gaylord, Michigan, and in 1963, she made first profession in Mequon, Wisconsin. In 1964, she began teaching at St. Mary Czestochowa in Milwaukee, where she remained for one year. She received a bachelor's degree in social science from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in 1965. Throughout the mid-1960s through 1980, Sister Laretta Rose taught in Michigan schools, including St. Isidore, Grand Rapids; St. Henry, Rosebush; St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd; Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs; and St. James, Grand Rapids. During this time, she received a master's degree in education from St. Francis College (now University), Ft. Wayne, Indiana. From 1980 to 1989, she taught at St. Stanislaus in Berlin, Wisconsin, and then returned to St. Vincent de Paul in Shepherd, Michigan, to teach for one year. Later in her ministry, Sister Laretta Rose taught at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Milwaukee; St. Helen, Milwaukee; Nativity of the Lord School, Cudahy, Wisconsin; and St. Frances De Sales School, Manistique, Michigan. From 2010 to 2012, she was engaged in community service at Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and from 2012 to 2014, she volunteered at St. Nicholas in

Freedom, Wisconsin. From 2014 to 2019, she volunteered with Sacred Heart Retreat Center, Coolville, Ohio. Since 2019, Sister Laretta Rose has been residing in prayer, presence and service, first at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, and now at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee.

