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2023 Jubilee

Sister Rosalyce Mercurio, SSND

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A memory I have to share...

When I entered SSND, Sister Canisia Hyodo offered the following advice, "Every night, pray for the gift of perseverance." This gift from God calls me daily to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as a SSND.

Sister Rosalyce Mercurio is a native of St. Louis, and in 1963, she professed first vows there. In 1965, she received a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, and began her ministry teaching at St. Joseph in Geneva, Nebraska. She taught at St. Joseph for two years and then taught one year at St. Dominic in Breese, Illinois. In 1968, Sister Rosalyce's ministry took a different turn when she served as a nurse's aide for one year at Villa Gesu in St. Louis. She then served as a registered nurse at Villa Gesu and at St. Joseph Hospital in Highland, Illinois. She returned to the classroom in 1978, teaching at St. Paul in Highland, Illinois, for two years. From 1981 to 1987, Sister Rosalyce served as a member of the special needs staff at St. Mary's Special School, St. Louis. While serving at St. Mary's Special School, she received a bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Joseph College, Worcester, Maine. In 1987, she returned to Villa Gesu, serving as a nursing supervisor for three years and as a registered nurse for three years. Sister Rosalyce received a master's degree in geriatrics and gerontology from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, in 1993. She served as a site manager at St. Elizabeth North Day Care, St. Louis, from 1993 to 1997, and as a parish health minister at Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Louis, from 1997 to

2005. Later in her ministry, she was a pastoral associate at Holy Name of Jesus, St. Louis, and director of mission integration and spiritual care for The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri. Since 2020, Sister Rosalyce has been volunteering at various locations throughout the St. Louis area and currently resides in St. Charles, Missouri.

