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2023 Jubilee

Sister Helen Bronner, SSND

Formerly Joseph

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A memory I have to share...

I am grateful for the wonderful people I met, sisters as well as staff. I never would have done all that I did, if I were not a SSND.



Sister Helen Bronner is a native of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and began teaching in 1951, at Holy Angels in Gary, Indiana, remaining there for one year. In 1953, Sister Helen professed first vows in Milwaukee, and began teaching at St. Elizabeth, also in Milwaukee. After teaching at St. Elizabeth for three years, she then went to St. Mary, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, teaching there for six years. From 1962 to 1964, she taught at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. During this time, she received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She taught for two years at the Academy of Our Lady School in Chicago, and one year at McDonnell Central High School, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, before returning to West Catholic High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to teach for two additional years. Sister Helen returned to Wisconsin in 1969, where she taught for three years at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Sun Prairie. She then went to St. James in Mequon, Wisconsin, where she taught for seven years and served as the school's principal for eight years. While at St. James, Sister Helen received a master's degree in administration from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. After serving at St. James, she taught at Holy Rosary Mission School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, from 1982 to 1987. From 1987 to 1993, she was the associate administrator at Notre Dame Health Care Center, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She then went to St. Helen in Milwaukee, where she served in pastoral ministry for three years and as a parish pastoral associate for four years.

From 2002 to 2006, Sister Helen served as a staff member for Apostleship of Prayer, Milwaukee, and from 2006 to 2010, she volunteered at Holy Wisdom Academy, also in Milwaukee. She continued serving as a volunteer for Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, from 2016 to 2020. Since 2020, Sister Helen has been serving in prayer and presence, first at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee, and currently at Our Lady of the Angels, Greenfield, Wisconsin.