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Central Pacific Province

# 2023 Jubilee

## Sister Sylvia Provost, SSND

Formerly Arthur

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### A memory I have to share...

My favorite memory is the time I spent with African-American children in the Learning Club in North Little Rock, Arkansas. They came after school to improve their reading and math skills. I enjoyed running this program for many years.



**Sister Sylvia Provost** was born in Port Arthur, Texas, and in 1953, she made first profession in St. Louis. After first profession, she taught for two years at Our Lady of Fatima in Galena Park, Texas. She then taught middle school students at Blessed Sacrament, Hannibal, Missouri; St. Philip, East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Francis Solanus, Quincy, Illinois; and Immaculate Conception, Marrero, Louisiana. In 1961, she received a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis. From 1962 to 1966, she taught at Redemptorist High School, New Orleans, and then served as principal at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Dallas, until 1973. While at St. Elizabeth, Sister Sylvia received a master's degree in elementary education administration from Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio. She spent one year in Ghana, teaching at St. Martin's Secondary School in Nsawam. She returned to the United States in 1975, teaching for a short time at Redemptorist Senior High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, before serving on the community institution staff at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi. From 1976 to 1977, Sister Sylvia served as assistant principal at Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chalmette, Louisiana. She then was principal at St. Gabriel in New Orleans, from 1979 to 1982. For two years, she taught at St. Anthony in Bunkie, Louisiana, before serving as a parish pastoral

associate at St. Augustine in North

Little Rock, Arkansas, for 25 years.

During the late 2000s until the late 2010s, she handled the finances for St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi. Since 2017, Sister Sylvia has been serving in prayer and presence, first at St. Mary of the Pines, and now at St. Anthony's Gardens, Covington, Louisiana.