

2024 Jubilee

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Celebrating 50 years



SISTER GLORIA MARIE PETRALIA, SSND

Sister Gloria Marie Petralia was born in St. Louis, and professed first vows in 1974 in the Apostles of the Sacred Heart Community in Hamden, Connecticut. While in this community, she served as a teacher in Florida, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. In 1979, she felt a call to the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis. She professed vows in the SSND in 1980. In 1975, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1983, she received a Master's of Science in education, with a specialty in special education, from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In St. Louis, she taught at Notre Dame Elementary and St. Mary's Special School. She then went to Jefferson City, Missouri, where she taught as a full-time special education teacher. Two years later, she became a full-time administrator and full-time teacher at the St. Peter's Special Education Program (1983-1989). Sister Gloria returned to St. Louis as a clinical pastoral student at St. Louis University Hospital and Veteran's Hospital (1989-91). In 1991, she served as a hospital chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Washington, Missouri until 1993. She then returned as a junior high teacher for one year, and then as a second grade teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Washington, Missouri, where she remained until 1998. In 1998, she taught second grade at St. John Gildehaus until 2002. From there, she went to St. Francis Borgia in Washington, Missouri, and taught second grade until 2010. In 2011-12, she returned to Our Lady of Lourdes as a learning consultant, and then for the next nine years as a first grade teacher. She retired from full-time teaching at Our Lady of Lourdes in 2021. She then worked as a substitute teacher in the Washington, Missouri area. For the past two and half years, she has worked as an educational interventionist at St. Francis Borgia School in Washington, Missouri. Sister Gloria has dedicated over 45 years to Catholic education.

A memory I have to share....

During my 50 years of religious life, I have had tremendous opportunities to educate all levels and abilities of students. They have gifted my religious life deeply. I am so grateful to God for my call to religious life!

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