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SISTER MARTHA JEAN (MARCIE) SOLMS, SSND

Sister Martha Jean Solms was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin, and professed first vows in Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1974. In 1975, she graduated from Mount Mary College (now University) with a Bachelor of Arts in English/History secondary education. Sister Martha Jean taught junior high school at Sacred Hearts in Calumet, Michigan (1976-76); before serving at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan (1976-78); and Messmer High School in Milwaukee (1978-82). She taught at St. Mary Central High School in Menasha, Wisconsin (1982-85); and then at Spectrum Alternative High School in Milwaukee (1985-90). In 1991, Sister Martha Jean earned a Masters in pastoral studies from Loyola University, Chicago. She worked as a campus minister at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois (1991-94); and Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee (1994-99). Sister Martha Jean was then the director of vocations for the former SSND Milwaukee Province in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, (now the Central Pacific Province) from 1999-2005. In 2005, she began serving at Marquette University High School in Milwaukee, as the assistant director of service programs, where she remained until 2011. Sister Martha Jean then became the volunteer program coordinator for NAMA (North America Major Area) at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, for the next two years. In 2015, she was the office receptionist for St. Alphonsus Parish, Greendale, Wisconsin, remaining there for one year. Sister Martha Jean next began serving as one of the SSND donor representatives for the Resource Development office of the Central Pacific Province. She left that ministry in February 2021. Since 2021, Sister Martha Jean has been living in Milwaukee.

A memory I have to share...

I am grateful for all those who have been part of my life these past 50 years as an SSND. Through God's grace, I have been supported and stretched by community living and challenged and affirmed in my various ministries.

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