

2024 Jubilee

First ProfessionJuly 30, 1964Celebrating 60 years

SISTER JOELLE MARIE AFLAGUE, SSND

Sister Joelle Marie Aflague was born in Mangilao, Guam, and professed first vows in 1964 in Mequon, Wisconsin. In 1967, Sister Joelle Marie received a Bachelor of Arts in education elementary from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. In 1967, Sister Joelle Marie taught elementary grades at Corpus Christi School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, before returning to Guam. She taught intermediate students at St. Francis Catholic School in Yona, Guam, (1967-69). Sister Joelle Marie then spent five years teaching secondary grades at Notre Dame High School in Talofofo, Guam. She then taught at St. Mary's in Yap, Caroline Islands (1973-79). In 1979, she returned to the United States and taught a GED program at Spectrum Alternative High School in Milwaukee, for one year. Sister Joelle Marie returned to Guam, working in alternative education and social justice at the Juvenile Detention Home in Mangilao, Guam (1980-82). She also served as librarian and part time geography teacher at Notre Dame High School in Milwaukee, (1982-85). Sister Joelle Marie then worked as an occupational therapy aide and computer specialist at Notre Dame Health Care Center in Elm Grove, Wisconsin (1985-90). In 1991, she began 30 years of ministry as Pastoral Assistant at St. Joseph Parish in Vancouver, Washington, also caring for family members part-time starting in 2021. Sister Joelle Marie was then a volunteer pastoral minister at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Vancouver, Washington (2021-23); while also continuing her care for family. Currently, Sister Joelle Marie is living in prayer, presence, and discernment of future ministry at Trinity Woods in Milwaukee.

A memory I have to share

When I went to minister in the Caroline Islands, we knew the people were familiar with the Peace Corps, so we introduced ourselves as "God's Peace Corps." I appreciate everything SSND and the community have done for me. I love being a SSND.

