

2024 Jubilee

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SISTER LAURA NORTHCRAFT, SSND

Sister Laura Northcraft was born in Salinas, California and professed first vows in 1964 in St. Louis. She began her studies at the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1962, earning a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1966. Upon graduation, Sister Laura then moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where she attended SEMO from 1966-1967, studying library science and Spanish. From 1967-1974, Sister Laura worked as a teacher and librarian at Notre Dame High School in Cape Girardeau, and served in the same role at Helias High School in Jefferson City, Missouri from 1974-76; before teaching junior high at St. Anthony School in Effingham, Illinois for a year (1976-77). During this time, Sister Laura earned a Master of Arts in teaching Spanish from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota in 1975. She then went to Aquinas High School in Fort Madison, Iowa, and worked as a librarian and teacher (1977-82). In 1982, Sister Laura returned to Missouri, teaching elementary school and serving as a pastoral minister at St. Joseph, Kimmswick, Missouri (1982-83). She then spent a year performing community service at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis (1983-84) before becoming archivist for the former St. Louis Province, also at Sancta Maria in Ripa, where she remained until 1991. In 1991, Sister Laura received chaplaincy training at St. Francis Hospital in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. Upon completion of her studies, she served as a hospital chaplain in Arcadia Valley Hospital, Pilot Knob, Missouri (1992-99); and then at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator, Illinois (1999-2015). In 2016, she became the spiritual care minister for St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Illinois. In 2017, the hospital moved to O'Fallon, Illinois where Sister Laura continues to serve on a part-time basis.

A memory I have to share....

On my tenth birthday, I wondered what it would be like to remember ten years ago. Now, celebrating sixty years as a SSND, I realize that people, places and experiences are precious and sacred. I treasure all with a grateful heart.

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