

2024 Jubilee

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SISTER VINCENT MARIE BALAJADIA, SSND

Sister Vincent Marie Balajadia was born in Yona, and professed first vows in 1964 in Milwaukee. In 1967, Sister Vincent Marie received a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. She taught at two schools in Milwaukee, St. Anne (1966-67) and St. Michael (1967-68). She then returned to Guam and taught at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Agat, Guam (1968-69). Sister Vincent Marie then taught junior high school, first at St. Francis Catholic School, Yona, Guam (1969-71) and then at San Vicente Catholic School, Barrigada, Guam (1974-76). Starting in 1974, she also served as an administrator of elementary education at St. Francis Catholic School, Yona (1974-76) and then also at San Vicente, Barrigada, Guam (1976-78). In 1977, she earned a Master of Education in administration of elementary education from the University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam. Sister Vincent Marie continued to serve in a variety of administrative, teaching and staff roles throughout Guam at St. Francis Catholic School, Yona; San Vicente Catholic School, Barrigada; and Notre Dame High School, Talofoyo; through the 1980s. She also served as a resource person (1985-86) and a teacher (1987-92) at St. Mary's, Yap, Caroline Islands. In 1992, she became a regional councilor at the Notre Dame House of Studies, Agana Guam, serving until 1995, first overseeing the finances (1992) and then SSND archives (1992-94) in Talofoyo, Guam. In 1993, she also returned to teaching part time at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Agat, Guam. After finishing her role as regional councilor, she became an administrator at St. Francis Catholic School, Yona, Guam, until 1997. After taking a sabbatical in 1997 and spending some time volunteering at Notre Dame School of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Sister Vincent Marie returned to Guam and was the principal of St. Mary School in Yap, Caroline Islands (2001-04). She then served as librarian (2004-05) and then president of Notre Dame High School (2005-08) in Talofoyo, Guam. From 2005-2008, she served as the part time vicar on the regional council in Talofoyo, Guam. In 2008, Sister Vincent Marie returned to Wisconsin, engaging in community service at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She was a volunteer in the sewing room, also at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove (2009-14). In 2014, she served as the community leader for the Notre Dame Community in Talofoyo, Guam, remaining there until 2018. In 2018, she returned to the United States, and has been engaged in community service and living in prayer and presence, first at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and now at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee.

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