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SISTER JANET MARIE ABBACCHI, SSND

Sister Janet Marie Abbacchi was born in St. Louis, and professed first vows there in 1954. She began teaching elementary students at St. Francis Borgia School in Washington, Missouri (1954-56); and St. Barbara School in St. Louis (1956-58). In 1962, Sister Janet Marie received a Bachelor of Arts history and sociology from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis. She was a teacher at St. Gerard Majella School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (1958-62); before becoming an administrator of both St. Gerard Majella, Baton Rouge and St. Alphonsus School in Greenwell Springs, Louisiana (1963-68). She was principal at St. Gerard Majella School in San Antonio (1968-76), a school that was named a state demonstration in elementary education for Texas for eight consecutive years. She earned a Master of Education in administration and supervision from Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, in 1970. Sister Janet Marie worked as an education consultant and then superintendent for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, (1976-86). Before leaving for Rome in 1986, Sister Janet was commissioned by Governor Mark White as a honorary Texas citizen. She was then on staff at the generalate in Rome, Italy, from 1986-94, working in educational endeavors in various parts of the SSND congregation. In 1994, she was invited to the Archdiocese of San Antonio to coordinate the Archdiocesan Synod and in 1998, Sister Janet was asked to open a pastoral office for the implementation of the Synod Acts. In 2008, she went to the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, to serve as director of faith formation and to participate in various activities of the diocese. From 2016-22, she then served part-time as an assistant in the finance office at Holy Trinity Parish, San Antonio, and also served as a spiritual director at Oblate Renewal Center and on staff of RCIA. During her years of service, she presented workshops, served on educational boards for elementary, secondary and university levels, assisted in obtaining state certification for Catholic schools in Texas, and other affiliated positions regarding formal education. Currently, Sister Janet Marie engages in prayer, presence and volunteer service in St. Louis, where she currently resides.

A memory I have to share...

I am grateful for the many experiences that I have had as a SSND! It has been a gift to meet and work with our sisters and colleagues on international and national levels of education. I cherish the awesome presence of God in my life.

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